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Fernwood road, nice cottage for	600
Fernwood road, 4 roomed cottage	750
Saanich, 9 miles from city, 20 acres cleared and fenced, with small house and barn, also good well	1,800
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NEW YORK'S COMMERCE.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 1.—Gen. F. V. Greene, chairman of the state committee on canals, speaking at the New York Board of Trade banquet last night, said: "Since the canals have been in such a condition that they could not carry goods at much less than railroad rates, the state has begun to lose its commercial supremacy and is steadily losing it."

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Buller's Movements

It Is Reported That He Has Again Crossed the Tugela River,

And That There Has Been Heavy Fighting--No News at War Office

British Advance in Cape Colony--A Force Now Occupies Prieska.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 1.—In the absence of exciting war news the nation and the newspapers have had time to discover the utter lack of relation existing between the feeling of the people and the temper of the government as demonstrated in parliament. The ultra ministerial organ, the Globe, says: "The heart of the Empire seems paralyzed, while its extremities are in full vigor."

Coal for Abroad.

The announcement that a firm of Cardiff coal shippers has contracted to supply foreign agents with 400,000 tons of steam coal for shipment abroad, has occasioned genuine uneasiness. The destination of the fuel is not mentioned, but as coal is exceptionally scarce in Germany, France and Russia, it is probably going to one of these three countries. The vital interest which the question has for England will be understood when it is realized that Natal is depending on Wales for coal for the numerous transports that have gone to Durban, because the colonial coal fields have been closed by the war. Some of the newspapers advocate the government placing an embargo on such transactions in war time.

Preparing Plans.

The actual news from South Africa is of little interest. Gen. Buller maintains silence as to his future movements, but it is generally supposed he is maturing another attempt to reach Ladysmith.

Europeans in Boer Army.

A letter appears to-day from a Hanoverian officer, formerly of 2nd Germany Infantry, but now among the military advisers of the Boers, which says that nearly 10,000 trained European soldiers, including quite 300 officers, are among the Boers.

Referring to the military situation at Ladysmith, the officer says: "Owing to the strength of our position on a circle of heights like Sedan, we cannot be brushed aside except by a relief column outnumbering us by 2 to 1."

New Suits for Soldiers.

Owing to the discovery that cotton khaki is insufficient protection for troops sleeping in the South African plains, the government is starting to re-clothe the forces in the field with woollen khaki, and has already ordered 600,000 suits in Glasgow along.

WESTERN BORDER.

British Force Reported to Have Advanced and Seized Prieska, West of Kimberley.

Capetown, Jan. 31.—A British force, with artillery, is reported to have occupied Prieska, and is now encamped there.

Prieska is on the Orange river one hundred miles below Orange River Station, and west of Kimberley.

All Well at Mafeking.

Bulluwayo, Saturday, Jan. 20.—A message from Col. Plummer, who was at Gaberones with the Mafeking relief force, says he has received a message from Col. Baden-Powell dated Mafeking, Jan. 17th, saying:

"All well. During the past fortnight we have been pushing out the trenches towards the enemy's big guns.

"On Jan. 16th their 94-pounder and high velocity Krupp evacuated their positions and retired eastward of the town, whence they are capable of doing little damage. We have thus pushed the enemy on three sides well out of rifle shots and have opened new grazing grounds for cattle.

"The enemy has still two strong positions in the east side which we hope to shift with the dynamite."

IN NATAL.

London Paper Says Buller Has Crossed the Tugela and That There Has Been Fighting.

London, Feb. 1.—The St. James Gazette says it is reported on good authority that Buller has crossed the Tugela River at three places, and that fighting has been proceeding all day long.

Deaths at Ladysmith.

Hoof Laager, Ladysmith, Jan. 30.—All is quiet here. Long Tom occasionally fires on Ladysmith. The deaths in Ladysmith from fever and other causes must be enormous, as we can clearly see them burying corpses daily.

Gen. Joubert went to the upper Tugela yesterday.

Fired on Retreating Cavalry.

New York, Feb. 1.—Advices from Spearman's Camp say that Gen. Warren's retreating force crossed the Tugela River without the loss of a single man, but got away none too soon, a Boer 15-pounder firing at the cavalry column as it was retiring.

The Boers are mounting another big gun to fire on Ladysmith.

Not Confirmed.

London, Feb. 1.—6:40 p.m.—The war office has no news of Gen. Buller's alleged movements as reported by the St. James Gazette, but the paper says it has no reason to doubt the correctness of its information, although it has not yet learned the exact positions Gen. Buller has seized.

Rumored Death of Joubert.

Spearman's Camp, Natal, Jan. 30.—There is an optimistic feeling in all ranks. The troops are confident of ultimately succeeding. Great enthusiasm was aroused by the Queen's message and Gen. Buller's speech expressing admiration for Gen. Warren's and Gen. Cleary's divisions, and hoping they would reach Ladysmith in a week.

The natives persist in asserting that Gen. Joubert was killed by a shell outside of Ladysmith.

BRITISH GUNS AT MOUNT ALICE

Are Protected by Lyttleton's Brigade—The Situation in Cape Colony.

New York, Feb. 1.—London papers have little news from Africa to-day, and there is not much comfort in that little except that the beleaguered garrison of Ladysmith did not despair when they learned of Buller's second reverse, but were still hopeful and determined.

The public trusts that Buller's army is capable of relieving Ladysmith, so talk of fresh movement inspires hope.

It is not true, as has been reported, that Buller has withdrawn all his troops south of the Tugela. His big guns were still at Mount Alice on Sunday with Lyttleton's brigade covering them.

According to the latest information the retirement from Spion Kop was inevitable. When reinforcements and a few guns arrived during the night, the position still held by the British forces was so confined that the various regiments were huddled together and it was impossible in the darkness to make arrangements to meet the storm of shell and bullets that daylight would bring upon them.

The campaign in Cape Colony does not develop rapidly. The Boers at Colesburg, Stinsburg and Stormberg seem to be content they can keep the British troops in check, while Cronje operates between Modder River and Kimberley holding Methuen quiet while the Boers bombard the diamond city.

SENSATIONAL REPORT DENIED.

Menelik Rejects French and Russian Counsel to Attack the British.

New York, Feb. 1.—A dispatch from Burch states that reports that Menelik is arming are untrue, and that the Negus has rejected French and Russian counsel to attack the English from the rear.

Major Denison's Appointment.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—A Globe cable from Belmont, Cape Colony, says Major Septimus J. A. Denison has been appointed aide-de-camp on the personal staff of Gen. Lord Roberts, and will be representative of the first Canadian contingent.

Dr. Leyds in Berlin.

Berlin, Feb. 1.—The Magdeburgische Zeitung learns that Dr. Leyds will in all probability be again received by Count Von Buelow. The greatest secrecy is, however, observed regarding his visit.

GRAIN RATES.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 1.—The owners of several Buffalo grain elevators have appealed to the insurance underwriters for a restoration of the rates on grain to the figures which obtained prior to November, 1898.

Dominion Parliament

Lord Minto Reads the Speech From the Throne at Opening Session.

Government Propose to Pay the Expenses of Canadian Contingents.

Dominion Tribunal to Assist in Settling Labor Disputes--Canada's Prosperity.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Parliament was opened at 3 o'clock today by His Excellency the Governor-General. The opening ceremonies were of the same character that marks the event year after year. A military escort was furnished from the Princess Louise's Dragoons Guards, and accompanied Lord Minto from the government house to the parliament buildings and back.

At the buildings His Excellency was received by a guard of honor of the Governor-General's guards, and a salute of nine guns was fired from Nepean Point by the Ottawa field battery.

There was a large number in attendance in the senate chamber when Lord Minto delivered the following speech from the throne:

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

"It is again my pleasing duty to congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Dominion, and on the remarkable increase in the general volume of the revenue and of the exports and imports of the country.

"Hostilities having unfortunately broken out between the recess between Great Britain and the South African Republic, it appeared to my ministers expedient to anticipate the action of parliament by equipping and forwarding two contingents of volunteers to the seat of war as a practical evidence of the profound devotion and loyalty of the entire people of Canada to the Sovereign and institutions of the British Empire. In this connection it is a matter of pride and gratification to the people of this Dominion, that, in addition to the contingents sent by the government, another Canadian force is being organized and despatched at the personal expense of the high commissioner of Canada. This generous and patriotic action upon the part of Lord Strathcona reflect high honor on him and on the Dominion he represents.

"I have been instructed to convey to you Her Majesty's high appreciation of the loyalty and patriotism thus displayed which has, following the precedent created under the present tariff to article of British manufacture, had the happiest effect in cementing and intensifying the cordial relations subsisting between Canada and the Mother Country.

"A bill will be submitted for your approval making provision for the cost of equipping and paying the Canadian contingents.

"The measures which have been taken from time to time to facilitate the safe transportation of food stuffs to European markets have resulted in a large increase in the exportation of several important articles of produce, and it may become necessary, in the interest of this very important branch of industry, to require a more careful inspection than has been customary for the purpose of maintaining that high standard of excellence heretofore secured, and which is absolutely indispensable if the people of Canada are to increase their large and profitable trade with other countries in these commodities.

"I am glad to observe that the returns from the post office department afford good ground for believing that the temporary loss of revenue caused by the great reduction recently made in letter postage will speedily be made good by the increased correspondence consequent thereon.

"Negotiations are now in progress with several of our sister colonies in the West Indies, which, it is hoped, may result in increasing and developing the trade with the islands and possibly with certain portions of the adjacent continent of South America.

"It gives me great pleasure to observe that in pursuance of the policy which was defined at the last session of parliament, a carefully devised body of regulations has been adopted applicable to all railways and public works within the federal jurisdiction, making adequate provision for sanitary protection and medical care of working men.

"The attention of the government has been called to the conflicts which occasionally rise between working men and their employers. While it may not be possible to wholly prevent such difficulties by legislation, my government thinks that many of the disputes might be avoided if better provisions could be made for the friendly intervention of boards of conciliation, the decisions of which, while not legally binding, would have such weight with both sides and be useful in bringing an intelligent public opinion to bear on these complicated subjects. You will be invited to consider whether the provincial legislation in this matter may not be usefully supplemented by an enact-

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THE WAR IN AFRICA.

Mr. Spencer Wilkinson Reviews the Situation The Casualties North of the Tugela River.

London, Jan. 31.—Reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post, Mr. Spencer Wilkinson says:

"There is again a remarkable scarcity of information about what is taking place in the theatre of war. The column under General Kelly-Kenny has occupied Thebus, a point about ninety miles by railway from Colesburg, where General French is operating, and about 45 miles from Stormberg Junction, where the Boers opposed to General Gatacre are believed to be. The strength of General Kelly-Kenny's column is not told, but as that officer commands the Sixth division, the whole of which has reached Capetown, and as there is no word of any part of it having gone to Natal, the probability is that the column is identical with the division. At any rate it is to be hoped that this is the case, and that the last has been heard of breaking up divisions into fragments.

"The dispatch of this column, if, as must be presumed, it is strong enough for independent operations, portends a great deal. In the first place, it means that the campaign in Natal is to

Take Care of Itself,

for if the Sixth division is at Thebus, there is no other force at Capetown capable of turning the balance in Natal.

"The Ladysmith garrison must hold out as long as possible or make a desperate attempt to fight its way out, unless, indeed, General Buller, with such forces as he has, tries a third time to drive back the Boer army.

"This decision implies that the war will be prolonged, and that the Boers are to be given time to push their advantage in Natal. They will try to overcome Sir George White's force and to take the offensive against General Buller, whose army they would in that case perhaps be able to hold by putting several parts of their own more mobile force in positions on his front, flanks and rear. General Buller

Would Keep Them Occupied

as long as his supplies and ammunition lasted.

"During these operations the British forces in Cape Colony and the reinforcements on the way would be collected into an army to march through the Free State. If that march should be rapid enough to produce an effect on the mind of the Boer commander-in-chief while General Buller's force is still occupying him, the plan might lead to a decisive result. But there can hardly be a start for another month at least. It is not easy to-day to forsee what can happen to Natal by the end of March.

"Meanwhile the mission of General Kelly-Kenny does not altogether explain itself. It seems a little strange that the new column should not first have been sent to the assistance of French, who has hemmed a force of Boers, but finds them reinforced from the north. Anything like a division added to General French's force ought to enable him to destroy the forces with which he is dealing, completing his

Circle Around Them,

and then gradually closing in upon them.

"The formation of a British column, while this kind of concentration was possible, looks like a continuance of the old policy of dispersion, instead of concentration. General Kelly-Kenny will have to abandon the railway bridge at Steynsburg as he moves eastward, and as his advance continues he will enter a hilly, perhaps difficult, country."

London, Feb. 1.—The supplemental list of casualties fills two columns in nonpareil type in the morning papers, making 1,300 reported thus far for Gen. Buller's operations north of the Tugela.

The Daily Chronicle estimates that the total exceeds 2,000.

The Admiralty has warned all half-pay naval officers to hold themselves in readiness for service. This with the fact that able seamen thoroughly experienced have been withdrawn from the Channel squadron, is taken to indicate the early mobilization of the reserve fleet, especially "A" division.

Work for Canadians.

Montreal, Jan. 31.—The correspondent of the Star telegraphing from Belmont says: "A strong reconnaissance of 500 Canadians and Australians left for Treclear district a week ago, and found the enemy in force at Raden Weston, Reit river. The column, under Col. Boyd, commandant at Belmont establishment, made a permanent advance to the post of Richmond, 12 miles west of Belmont, and a company of Canadians, with a mounted force, will be left to garrison the post, from which an advance can be made to clear out rebels from the district."

INSURRECTION IN KENTUCKY.

Republicans Determined to Prevent Goebel From Acting as Governor.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 31.—At nine o'clock to-night William Goebel, who lies dying of the bullet wound inflicted yesterday, was sworn in as governor of Kentucky, and J. C. W. Beckham a few minutes later took the oath of lieutenant-governor.

Bloodshed will attend on the promised attempt to secure the offices they thus nominally assume.

The Democracy has been groping around trying to find some way in which it could seat its leader, Goebel, in the gubernatorial chair. No matter which way the Democrats turn, they are confronted by the same prospect—a line of blue edged with steel, and it was fully understood by both parties that the line and steel were there for business purposes only.

Soldiers marched and counter-marched through the streets of Frankfort all day long. Drills in the street were frequently held. Around the penitentiary was a line of troops, in the opera house was a guard, three companies stood at rest in the open space in front of the Capitol hotel, sentries patrolled every side of the building in which ex-Governor Bradley resides, and a detachment of infantry held the court house against the possession of the members of the legislature, with the intention of declaring that not the living William Taylor but the dying William Goebel was the lawful head and chief executive of the commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Republicans laid their plans secretly. They carried them through vigorously and triumphantly. The proclamation declaring that a state of insurrection exists in the state, summoning the legislature to meet at London, Laurel county, and warrants for the arrest of every Democratic member of the legislature were prepared last night. It was the intention of Governor Taylor and his advisers that no meeting of the legislature should be held to-day, even though it proved necessary to arrest and detain in custody all of those who persisted in holding meetings.

Once adopted, the policy was carried out to the letter. Compelled to retire from the capitol building, the Democratic members went to the opera house; held back from the opera house, they went to the court house; prevented from entering the court house, they went to the capitol, only to be told that any meeting they might attempt to hold in that building would be suppressed, all found taking part in it would be arrested, and the hotel itself seized by soldiers. It was a hopeless game. The Democrats had no chance to win, and they gave it up.

Later in the day officers entered the hotel and told the Democrats that no conference must be held, and they attempted to hold none.

There is much doubt among the members of the legislature as to whether or not they will go to London at all, some of the Republicans left Frankfort during the day declaring that they were going to London, but no Democrats so declared themselves.

Adjutant-General Collier declared to-day that if the Democratic members did not attend the legislative meeting which is called to meet on February 6th, he would arrest them individually, provided he received the necessary orders from Governor Taylor, and convey them to London. The Democrats have not said they would not go to London, but their legal advisers have counselled them that Governor Taylor had no right to adjourn the legislature from Frankfort, and it is likely the matter will be tested in the courts before any circumstances can arise which would call for the arrest of the members.

BIG FIRE AT HONOLULU.

The Chinese Quarter Destroyed—Over Six Thousand People Are Now Living in Tents.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—According to advices received here from Honolulu, in an effort to stamp out the plague, it was decided to burn one of the blocks in China town. The fire was started and gained such headway that the fire department could not control it.

Soon the whole Chinese quarter was in flames, and hardly a house is left standing in the district. As a result of the destruction of the Chinese quarters, six or seven thousand people were rendered homeless, and are now living in tents.

The fire destroyed 12 blocks, bounded by Ku Kui, Queen, River and Nuanu streets. The most notable building burned was the Kaumakapili, a prominent landmark, and the most comfortable device of its kind in Honolulu. It contained an organ valued at $5,000.

QUEEN OF GYPSIES DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 1.—Sadie Evans, queen of the gypsies, died last night at the camp near Elizabeth, N. J. It is claimed she was 106 years old, being born in England in 1794.

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B. C. Southern Land Grant

Digest of the Opinions of Eminent Counsel Consulted by Provincial Government.

General Agreement Amongst the Legal Authorities on Main Points at Issue.

The following is a condensed statement of the papers in relation to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company's land grant, called for by Mr. Joseph Martin, and brought down in the House yesterday:

Mr. Joseph Martin's letter of March 29th, 1899, submitting the case to Mr. R. B. Haldane, Q. C., M. P., of London, England, includes an abstract of the statutes of British Columbia connected with the British Columbia Southern Railway Company land grant, and orders-in-council and several Dominion statutes for counsel's guidance and information. Mr. Martin points out that the 20,000 acres of land per mile was not given direct to the company, but the Lieutenant-Governor was authorized to grant that amount for every mile of railway completed; also that section 16 is "peculiar," because it makes special provision with regard to a portion of territory then known to contain valuable deposits of coal. He also draws counsel's attention to the fact that a statute of the Dominion of 1897 declares the British Columbia Southern to be a work for the general benefit of Canada. As is known, the C. P. R. having purchased all the capital stock of the British Columbia Southern Railway Co. and built the line as agreed over British Columbia Southern territory, is applying for a conveyance to them of 20,000 acres of land per mile under the provision of the statutes submitted. Mr. Martin, as attorney-general on behalf of the government, desired counsel's opinion on the following points:

1. Under the circumstances above stated, has the Crow's Nest Pass railway been constructed by the British Columbia Southern Rly. Co. within the meaning of sec. 1 of chap. 40 of the British Columbia statutes of 1890? or, has not the line of railway been constructed by the Canadian Pacific Company itself?

2. If, in your opinion, the Canadian Pacific Company has, as a matter of law, constructed the said railway line, can such construction enure to the advantage of the British Columbia Southern Railway Co. so as to entitle it to the said land grant?

3. Is the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council bound, under the legislation of British Columbia above referred to, to grant the said lands to the British Columbia Southern Railway Co? or is it discretionary with the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to do so? In other words, taking for granted that the British Columbia Southern Ry. Co. has constructed this railway, as contemplated by the above legislation, would the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council be ordered by the court to make this grant by proceedings by the company by petition of right.

4. What is the effect upon the rights of the British Columbia Southern Railway Co. of chapter 36 of the Dominion statutes of 1897, by which that railway is declared to be for the general advantage of Canada, and thus, under the provisions of the B. N. A. Act (sec. 92, sub-sec. 10, c. 1), being a work entirely under the legislative power of the Dominion parliament?

5. If, in your opinion, the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council is bound to grant the said lands to the British Columbia Southern Railway Co., and said railway company is entitled to receive them, in spite of the said legislation which has taken the said company out of the legislative control of the Legislature of British Columbia, what is your opinion as to the effect of section 16 of said chapter 40 of the statutes of 1890, as said section has been modified by subsequent acts set out in the enclosure?

6. Is the government bound in any event to give the land described in said section 16 to the railway company as part of their grant?

Mr. Haldane's Opinion.

In reply the English counsel said he had arrived at a conclusion, but was doubtful what view a tribunal might take of the controversy after hearing arguments. The case is not only novel, but also one of considerable difficulty. Mr. Haldane was of the opinion that the language of the statute really amounts to a contract with the Crow's Nest Railway Company, which they are entitled to enforce by petitions of right, and that the power given the Lieutenant-Governor was not purely discretionary.

As to the line having passed from provincial to Dominion control, he holds that the considerations for the grant is confined to the construction of a railway of the proper gauge. That done the grant is earned. Then follow the answers to the specific questions:

1 and 2. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has bought all the shares of the British Columbia Southern Railway Co. and controls it, but the British Columbia Southern still remains a legal entity, and in law has constructed the railway and complied with the conditions, and is entitled to the grant.

3. Yes.

4. In my opinion the effect of the Dominion legislation has not been to deprive the British Columbia Southern Company of its title to a grant. As I have already said, this is the conclusion that I have arrived at. I am far from feeling confident about it. I think the strongest argument the other way is the broad one, that what the contract contemplated was a grantee subject to provincial control, and it is only because of the explicit definition in section 1 of the Railway Aid Act of 1890, that I think it ought not to prevail. It may well be, if grounds of policy allow the risk of defeat to be run, worth while to try the question.

5 and 6. I am unable to differentiate between the lands referred to in sec. 16 of the Railway Aid Act, 1890, as amended by sec. 3 of the act of 1893, and the other land. I think that the company has a similar title to it.

Other Opinions.

Messrs. Robinson, Q.C., Osler, Q.C., and Lefroy gave as their opinion on the case as submitted by ex-Attorney-General Martin, that as to whether the Crow's Nest Pass railway had been constructed by the British Columbia Southern or by the C. P. R., they think the powers given were intended to be exercised after it had been actually constructed. Either company could have built it. If, in fact and in law, the C. P. R. built it the British Columbia Southern cannot claim the land grant. They think it unnecessary to decide the point as to whether the Lieutenant-Governor is bound to grant the lands to the British Columbia Southern Railway Co. or whether it is discretionary with him to do so, because of the subsequent enactment in 59 Vic., c. 4 (B.C.), that the completion of the work by the time mentioned shall be sufficient compliance with the Railway Aid Act to entitle the British Columbia Southern Railway Co. to the grant, which seems to be a statutory recognition of their right. Looking only to the legislation of British Columbia and the action of the provincial government thereon, they conclude the British Columbia Southern Railway Co. on building the road in accordance with the statutes would be entitled to the grant. In reply to question 4, the three counsel stated:

"We think the fact of the work being declared one for the general advantage of Canada would not alone, in the absence of express provisions to that effect, necessarily deprive the British Columbia road of their right to the bonus. Any provincial road may become such a work by special enactment, or under the provisions of the Dominion Railway Act, 1888, sec. 306. And this we think must be taken to have been known to the Provincial Legislature. Nor can it be said to have been the policy of the provincial government to prevent such a change.

"On the contrary, it would seem to have been contemplated, for by the same act which authorizes the bonus to this company a bonus was authorized (sec. 4) to the C. P. R. Co. for the building of a road from Farwell to connect with this road, which would of itself make it a Dominion road; and by sec. 17 of the Act of Incorporation of 1888, and sec. 23 of the Consolidated Act, 57 Vic., c. 53 (B. C.), the company are authorized to agree to convey or lease their road in whole or in part to any connecting road, or "any rights or powers acquired under this act," which after completion, if not before, would certainly authorize a lease to the C. P. R. Co.

"Thus it would seem clear that there was in the contemplation of the Provincial Legislature the possibility, if not the probability, of the railway passing out of the control of the province, and into that of the Dominion, by the junction contemplated with the C. P. R., or by the sale or lease authorized by sec. 17."

The remainder of the answer is too lengthy for quotation, but the reply is left open by the concluding declaration:

"We cannot, we must add, upon such a question as that here submitted to us, assume to speak with confidence, both because as one of law only it seems both novel and difficult, and because, should the right to the bonus be contested, it may in the end turn to some extent on questions of fact of which we have no information."

To question 5 the counsel replied, in effect:

"We conclude that if the British Columbia Southern Railway Co. were otherwise in a position to demand the land grant in question, force and effect must be given to sec. 3 of the act of 1893. It is to be considered, no doubt, with the provisions of the Railway Aid Act, 1890, but we think the company need not show a deficiency in the quantity of land available on the railway belt before asking for land in the territory described in sec. 16. We think, having regard to the context and the surroundings—the act of 1893 following and perhaps intended to supercede the order in council of May 6th, 1891—that the company, if otherwise entitled to claim, could sustain their right to the lands described in sec. 16 of the Railway Aid Act."

Mr. Bodwell's Opinion.

In reply to the list of questions already quoted Mr. E. V. Bodwell, Q.C., of Victoria, said he thinks it unnecessary to reply to questions 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the case, as the counsel consulted all agree on these points, and he concurs His opinion on the whole matter is summed up in these concluding paragraphs of his reply:

"It cannot be doubted but that the members of the British Columbia Legislature knew that the company were making the application in question to the Dominion House, and, moreover, were making such application on the footing that the provincial subsidy would be granted notwithstanding the contemplated change. If the provincial government did not agree with that contention, I do not think they could be heard to say so after standing by and allowing the company to prejudice their position by the proposed application, and still less if they remained quiescent until after, upon the faith of all these arrangements, the company had completed their undertaking, and the province had received the full consideration for their promise to grant the land, viz., the actual construction of the railway as a going concern. But the case is even stronger than this for, at that session, and while the company were actually taking steps which have resulted in the road coming under Dominion jurisdiction, the provincial legislature passed an act (chap. 33, acts of 1897) for the purpose of correcting an ambiguity in a former act, and expressly extending and confirming the subsidy to the company.

The omission to insert in this act—passed at such a time and under such circumstances—a clause limiting the company in their then application to the Dominion, or declaring that in such a contingency, the provincial lands should not be granted, is to my mind conclusive evidence that such a stipulation was no part of the agreement with the company, and even if some plausible argument could be advanced for the existence of such a condition originally, the contention that it is still in operation cannot, in the event which has happened, be maintained by the province.

"My opinion is, therefore, that the company are entitled to a grant of the lands upon complying with the formalities as to selection, etc., set out in the Subsidy Acts."

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WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Cypress River, Jan. 31.—A serious fire occurred at the house of John Stewart, 15 miles southeast of here, last night. It originated in the bedroom of Mrs. Stewart's mother, Mrs. Young, about 90 years old. Mrs. Young was burnt to death, and Mrs. Stewart is not expected to live. The rest of the family escaped. The house and contents were totally destroyed.

ALL QUIET IN SAMOA.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 1.—Advices from Apia, under the date of Jan. 24, say all is quiet in Samoa, and that the natives are more settled than at any time since the disturbances between the native factions. At a recent meeting of the Mataafans, at which Malleton was present, Mataafa made an address in which he counselled implicit obedience to the law.

LABOR UNIONS IN CUBA.

(Associated Press.)

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Provincial Legislature

Game Law Amendments—Indians of Northwest Territories Destroy Game.

The President of the Council on Coal Mines Regulation Act.

Victoria, January 31st, 1900.

The Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p. m., prayers by Rev. Dr. Wilson.

There was a good attendance of the public present in expectation of some lively debating on Mr. Martin's motion to disapprove of the government's action in the Deadman's Island affair.

Petitions.

Mr. J. M. Martin presented a petition from 150 citizen and business men of Phoenix protesting against any change in the eight-hour law; another from 100 working miners of Phoenix to the same effect; another from about 500 workingmen and miners of Rossland camp stating in detail their objections in connection with the petition of the mine owners.

Mr. Green, from 50 citizens of Whitewater to the same effect.

Mr. McPhillips, from Messrs. Evans, Coleman & Evans and others against certain provisions in the Vancouver Incorporation Act.

Reports.

Mr. Green presented the sixth report of the private bills committee, stating with reference to petition No. 3 (of the Imperial Pacific Railway Co.) that the standing orders had not been complied with, inasmuch as the committee were of the opinion that no proper notice had been given; their recommendation was that there be returned to the petitioners the sum of $300, deposited by them on the 26th December last. The committee also reported the preamble proved of the bill to incorporate the Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light & Power Co., submitting the same with amendments.

Mr. Macpherson, for the railway committee, presented a report, transmitting the bill to incorporate the Taku & Atlin Railway & Navigation Co.

The Speaker said that the recommendation to refund the payment of $300 put the report out of order. The committee witdrew this portion of the report, which was then adopted.

A Stationery Account.

The Premier presented a return (to an order of the House), for a detailed account of all the moneys paid and to whom paid, on account of stationery for use of the public departments of the province from July 1st, 1898, to December 31st, 1899, together with copies of all agreements or contracts with any person or persons for the supply of stationery and the rates at which that class of goods was supplied to the government. It was noted in the return: "There are no contracts for the supply of stationery." The total amount involved was $22,121.92. Amongst the items were, 13 bundles of red tape, a feather duster at sixty cents and others as interesting.

Motions.

The Hon. Mr. Cotton asked leave to introduce a bill intituled An Act to amend the New Westminster Relief Act, 1899.

Read a first time; second reading up next sitting of the House.

Mr. Jos. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. McBride (Dewdney), the following resolution:

That an order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence between the government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, or the Columbia and Western Railway Company, with regard to a land grant or cash bonus.

Hon. Mr. Cotton said the government would have no objections to granting this request.

Mr. Helmcken moved, seconded by Mr. McPhillips, the following resolution:

That a humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this hon. house copies of all correspondence which have passed between the Attorney-General of this province and the Hon. W. Norman Bole, judge of the County Court of New Westminster, with respect to the administration of justice in the Speedy Trials Court at New Westminster.

The Hon. Mr. Cotton moved, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, the following resolution:

That the speech of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor at the opening of the present session be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Questions.

Mr. Helmcken asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:

What course is it proposed to take by the government, owing to the recent decision of the Full Court at Vancouver, relative to the jurisdiction exercised by the Hon. W. Norman Bole, judge of the County Court of New Westminster, sitting and acting as County Court judge in the city of Vancouver?

The Attorney-General replied: The government is now considering the matter.

Mr. Joseph Martin said that in view of the unanimous decision of the court at Vancouver to the effect that Mr. Bole had no jurisdiction there this reply of the Attorney-General will cause a great deal of alarm and uneasiness to the bar of Vancouver.

Public Bills.

The adjourned committee on the Jurors Act Amendment bill reported the bill complete with amendments. To be considered at next sitting of the House.

Mr. J. H. Turner moved that in the absence of Mr. Dunsmuir that Mr. Robertson take that gentleman's place on the railway committee and Mr. Brydon his place on the mining committee. Agreed to.

In Committee.

The House then went into committee on the Game Bill, Mr. Kellie in the chair.

The following amendments were proposed by Mr. Henderson:

In committee on the Game Act Amendment bill, Mr. Kellie being chairman, it was agreed, upon the motion of Mr. Ellison, to add after the words "provincial museum" in line 8 of section 12, the words: "Provided that nothing in this section shall make lawful the killing of does of elk, moose, deer and caribou from the 15th day of March to the 15th day of July of each year, both days inclusive."

Hon. Mr. Henderson next proposed the following amendments:

"30. (1.) No person shall at any time shoot at, hunt, kill or have in his possession any male elk with horns having less than twelve points.

"(2.) No person shall shoot at, hunt, trap, take or kill any beaver for a period of two years from the 1st day of May, 1900.

"(3.) No person during the period mentioned in paragraph (2) hereof, either on his own behalf or as agent for any person, firm or corporation, shall purchase, barter or trade for any skin or pelt of a beaver which has been killed during said period, and the onus of proof as to the date of killing shall be upon the person in whose possession such skin or pelt is found.

"(4.) Any person offending against the provisions of this section shall be liable for each offence, on conviction thereof in a summary manner before any justice of the peace, in accordance with the provisions of the Summary Convictions Act, to the following fines for the following offences, namely:

"For shooting at, hunting, killing or having in his possession each male elk contrary to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this section, $50.

"For shooting at, hunting, trapping or killing each beaver contrary to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this section, $50.

"For purchasing, bartering or trading for each skin or pelt of a beaver contrary to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this section, $25.

"Costs to be levied by distress, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding 30 days, or to both fine and imprisonment."

After some discussion the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Wells, before the committee rose, took the opportunity to bring to the notice of the government the fact that a practice is being made by the Indians of the Northwest Territories of coming across the boundary into the Kootenay country, and more particularly into the Columbia valley and the country traversed by tributaries of that river, shooting and fishing with utter disregard for the provincial laws. The result was a practical extermination of the valuable big game in this locality, more especially the noble elk. These splendid specimens of British Columbia's big game had been very abundant in the past, but had been so ruthlessly slaughtered by these trespassing Indians during the past year as to be in grave danger of becoming extinct. The fact that these Indians were in the enjoyment of special treaty privileges with the Dominion government certainly should exclude them from the enjoyment of shooting advantages denied our own Indians, who were not favored by any such special conditions. He (Mr. Wells) had already directed the attention of the Indian department to this grave cause of complaint, but so far without definite result. He hoped that by bringing the matter now before the government and the House committee some more tangible result would be attained, some recommendation be secured in the direction of terminating the expensive and pernicious practices of these strolling Indians, to which he had alluded. There was the further point at issue in this connection, that these Indians carried out of the province large quantities of hides and fur skins, which they disposed of to traders beyond the provincial lines, and which was something again from which our provincial Indians were distinctly debarred, by the game law now under consideration and in amendment.

The Attorney-General said this practice had not been brought to his notice before, but it was not the desire of the government that Indians should come in from other provinces to commit depredations and destroy game. The government would instruct the constables in the districts mentioned that the law must be enforced. The bill was reported complete with amendment, was read a third time and passed.

The Trustees Bill was read a third time and passed.

The House went into committee on the Companies Bill, Mr. Robertson in the chair. Mr. McPhillips moved the following amendment:

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, it shall be lawful for companies incorporated under any statute of this province, whose principal and main business is to acquire tracts of land, with the object of sub-dividing the same into lots and selling such lots when so sub-divided as aforesaid, or companies whose capital or assets consist of property of a wasting nature, provided such companies have paid all debts legally owing by them, or have made ample provision for the payment of the same, testified by a declaration made the secretary of the company, and filed with the registrar of joint stock companies, to declare and pay dividends out of the money, being the net proceeds of the sale of their lands so sub-divided, as aforesaid, or out of the moneys being the net profits of or arising from the operation, working and management of such capital property or assets of a wasting nature, but all such dividends and payments shall be taken and considered as a reduction of the capital of such company.

A resolution passed by not less than 50 per cent. of the shareholders at a meeting duly called for that purpose shall be necessary for the declaration and payment of such dividends.

A copy of every such resolution under the seal of the company and certified to by the secretary of the company shall be filed in the office of the registrar of joint stock companies, within ten days after the passing of the resolution.

The amendment is to be printed. The committee rose with a progress report.

Supreme Court Bill.

The Attorney-General, in moving the second reading of the Supreme Court Bill, explained that the object is to provide for the number of sittings of court. At present there were ten sittings a year, and it was proposed to reduce the numbers, as so much of the time of the Court of Appeals is taken up that sufficient time is not given for other important work. Bench and bar are in agreement that the number of sittings should be reduced, and it is now suggested that the number be four—two in Victoria and two in Vancouver, but there was reason to believe six sittings at least a year would be necessary. The bill was read a second time and will be finally considered at next sitting of the House.

Coal Mines Regulation Act.

Hon. Dr. McKechnie moved the second reading of the Coal Mines Regulation bill. He outlined briefly the various sections of the bill, exclusion of an undesirable class of workers from the underground workings; that dealing with the outside workers, and the others with the qualifications of mine managers and pit bosses, and the danger from encroachments from workings in one mine approaching too near those of another. He pointed out that one occupying the position of pit boss should be a man possessing certain qualifications for the post. Under the law as it stands at present the manager of a mine must be possessed of these qualifications, and his competency is a way is held to cover the men working under him, the pit bosses being able to work because the manager holds a certificate of qualification. This might do in a small working where all the men are under the eye of the manager, but when the workings get larger and several hundred men are employed in the pit the manager overseeing three or four pits or slopes cannot supervise all the men working there. The man directly in charge should be possessed of some acknowledged degree of competency. He did not affirm that this man should be a highly certificated man to act as manager of mines. Provision is made for a second-class of certificate of competency which shall be possessed by the pit boss, and so that the pit bosses will not be immediately disqualified, six months' time is to be allowed him in which to freshen up on the knowledge necessary to meet the requirements. If he does not at the end of that time possess that knowledge the man should not be employed at all.

Dealing with section 18 of the bill, the President of the Council explained that it dealt with a matter affecting the safety of the miners employed in the mines themselves. If the provision inserted in the act last year was deemed wise this new section which it was proposed to insert was doubly, trebly so. He then described the danger to the miners from gas and water accumulating in the disused workings up to which the miners may be working without knowing it. If the men broke into those portions of a mine they would be in great danger from an explosion of the gas or an inrush of water. Apart altogether from private interests it was of public interest that such points should be carefully watched. It was for the owners to find out if their workings were being encroached upon. To show that the men themselves fully appreciated the danger, the speaker said that it was quite current at Wellington that certain mines at East Wellington had over-run their limits and the men expected an accident at any time in No. 6 pit, Wellington. The mere fact of the men dreading such a thing showed there was something in it. This should be guarded against. Section 3 of the bill was of particular importance. It is as follows:

"No owner or manager of a mine shall employ underground, or allow to be underground, for the purpose of employment in any mine to which the Coal Mines' Regulation Act applies, any person who is unable to read the printed rules for this mine, as printed in English and to understand the same to the satisfaction of the inspector."

There were several reasons why this should be introduced into the bill. Certain classes of workmen in the mines are a danger to the whole of the workers. It is peculiar that in the Coal Mines' Regulation Act it is provided that certain things shall be posted up for the purpose of making known the provisions of the act, the same to be posted in a conspicuous place. Why should this be done? There is no reason unless it is of some value to them. It seems absurd in the face of a rule like that that large bodies of men should be employed in coal mines who have not the faintest idea of what those legible characters, purporting to be the special rules, mean, posted up at the pit head. This bill proposes to exclude a very undesirable class from these mines. He meant the class of Orientals. Not ten per cent. of the people of the province of British Columbia were in favor of the province being over-run by cheap Oriental labor. The government should make a stand and strike a blow at this evil. There had been some criticism on this measure because some white people would be affected. It was said many white miners in this province are not able to read the printed rules posted up, and yet are first-class miners. No doubt of that. Some of the miners who come to British Columbia cannot read. It is said it would be unjust to exclude these men, many of whom have brought their wives and families here. He conceded that it would be unjust and cruel to these men, and what was more, in endeavoring to frame an act to exclude an undesirable class he had no wish to exclude this class if it could possibly be avoided. He would propose the following amendment to section 3, which would in a large measure obviate any injustice which might be done:

"Provided always that the inspector may, by writing under his hand, permit any person who has been continuously employed underground in any mine to which the said act applies, during a period of at least twelve months immediately before the passage of this act, to remain so employed for any period not exceeding one year from the passage of this act, upon such person having proved to the satisfaction of the inspector that he well understood the dangers of the employment in which he is engaged, and the said rules, although he may not be able to read them."

This gives the Belgian and other foreign miners employed at Nanaimo, Wellington and Union a whole year in which to qualify in English sufficently to read the printed rules and understand them. The majority of these men can read in their own language and speak ours, and it does not require a very long time for them to learn to read a language they can already speak. A man who attended a night school for three months would be able to read his own language. As regarded the other classes of labor the Chinese and Japanese were a direct detriment to the welfare of this province, and the government should not look out for the welfare of those people; they are quite able to look out for themselves. If the curse of Oriental labor was to be allowed to increase in this province there was going to be also a corresponding retardation of the wished for increase in the white population. In Nanaimo they had a thousand white men employed in the coal mining industry, and a resident population of about 6,000. If in Nanaimo the collieries had been run with 50 per cent. of Chinese and Japs, those foreigners would have dealt entirely with people of their own race, who import all they use from those countries. The province generally would not have benefited one iota by the employment of Chinese. Had the proportion of Orientals mentioned been employed there would have been 500 in the mine and 500 white miners without employment, representing with their wives and families about 3,000 souls. Talk about hardship inflicted on certain Belgians and Finlanders. What would it be if 500 white miners and their families had to be let out? We have got to look after our own people. Half our stores would have to close if Chinese were employed to that extent. The coal miners had been very prosperous last year, having the largest output in the history of the Pacific coast. That industry was only in its infancy, and the recent waking up evidently points to the fact that the Pacific coast is going to see a large increase in the coal mining industry. He could not see why Vancouver Island having produced one million tons of coal under present conditions should not under improved conditions produce annually five million tons in ten years. Why should not the cities of Victoria and Vancouver in seeking markets prefer those at their own doors, the coal mining industry, for the simple reason that as the province increases it will increase, bringing more miners and their families here. One of the most important questions for the province to-day was this question of the increasing employment of Chinese in coal mines. Only two days ago 30 Chinese had been put in the Van Anda mine, he had been told. If that goes on the curse will creep into the Kootenays and instead of this being a "white man's country" it will be half white and half yellow. The people have got to put their foot down firmly and look things squarely in the face; they have got to turn over a new leaf and keep on the right track in this matter.

Col. Baker and Mr. Higgins thought the amendment to sec. 3 very important and reasonable. Capt. Irving said the Ottawa government induced immigration from all parts of Europe, those people coming in the expectation of getting employment and being happy. What was the cause of the war in Africa? The very same principle as sec. 3 of this bill. The Dutchmen would not give the British their rights.

Dr. McKechnie moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. Higgins thought some provision should be made for French Canadians, and Mr. J. H. Turner spoke a word for the Englishman. The debate was adjourned.

Mr. McPhillips drew attention of the Mr. McPhillips drew attention of the Premier to the fact that British Columbia might possibly be left out in the matter of a force for South Africa, and urged that some steps be taken to see that the full number was sent.

The Premier replied that the suggestion would be considered. He understood the contingent provided for was 100 men, and if the people were attempted to change the arrangement he did not know to what it might lead. He thought it would be foolish to interfere, if any change were made it would undoubtedly cause a good deal of inconvenience.

Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of a message from His Honor, transmitting the Liquor License Bill.

Motions.

By Mr. McPhillips—For a return showing all such persons, societies and corporations, being mortgagees, that have not paid the mortgage tax.

By Mr. Turner—For a return of correspondence between the government, or any member thereof, and the Ashcroft-Cariboo Railway Company, in relation to the repeal of the land grant, by chap. 61, 1899, either before or subsequent to the passage of the repeal act.

By Capt. Irving—To move as follows: "That British Columbia is British, and we desire the home government and the government of Canada to know that we as an integral part of the British Empire can be depended upon to assist both by men and means to uphold our Empire; that the present just war must be fought to a finish, at whatever cost."

New Bill.

The only new bill was the act to amend the New Westminster Relief Act, 1899, Amendment Act, 1900; to extend the time for rebate on taxes levied in 1898 to previous years.

The House rose at 5 p.m.

Legislative Notes.

Capt. Irving's patriotic speech in the House yesterday afternoon, backing up his resolution, was much enjoyed. So also was the passage-at-arms between the mover and some of his critics on the government side.

There was a general concurrence with the sentiments expressed by Dr. McKechnie in his speech on the second reading of the Coal Mines Regulation bill.

Vague generalities came into contact with a desire for facts in the private bills committee yesterday, when the indefiniteness of the wording of the Imperial Pacific Railway bill brought rejection upon the measure.

It is said "possession is nine points of the law," but even eleven points won't save the possessor from prosecution under the new Game Act if the "points" happen to be on an elk head.

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HEALTH BROKEN DOWN.

Mr. John Barley, Lachute Mills, says:—"Up to about seven years ago I had always been a healthy man. At that time my health began to give way, and at last I was left almost a physical wreck, the least exertion would leave me breathless and exhausted and for the last five years have not been able to do steady work for the best part of the time, and as the many medicines I tried failed to help me, I had begun to look upon my case as almost hopeless. Finally a friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and now after the use of only five boxes I am feeling well and strong. It is simply marvellous what they have done for me, and I shall always recommend them to my friends."

HAD NOT STRENGTH TO WALK.

Miss Leba C. Schilling, Peninsula-Gaspe, Que., writes—"I had suffered for some time with a weary feeling. I had not strength to walk about. I could not walk even a short distance without being out of breath. I took no interest in anything, as I thought nothing could do me any good. On the recommendation of a friend I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had only taken them for a short time when I noticed a great improvement. I was strong enough to walk a long distance without resting, and felt better in every way. I would recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills highly to all other sufferers, and think they will be surprised at the results obtained from their use."

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Mother got some medicine, but it did me no good.

After I had suffered with the itching and burning about three months, mother thought she would try Burdock Blood Bitters.

I only took two bottles, when my hands got completely cured.—Emma Sheridan, Perry Sound, Ont.

A MUSICAL TREAT

Given by Pupils of the Austin Conservatory Yesterday.

The audience that attended the recital given by the pupils of the Austin Conservatory in Waitt's hall yesterday afternoon, undoubtedly enjoyed a musical treat, the programme, in point of excellence, being difficult to surpass. Each number was rendered with a musicianly ability which spoke volumes for the progress of the pupils. The programme was under the supervision of Mrs. Wa'she Windle, who acted as accompanist, and was as follows:

Piano Duet—"Mazourka" ..... Ed. Greig.
Miss Kathleen Humber, Miss Mattie John.
Violin Duet—"Evening Song" ..... Aletin
Master George Dart, Master Shepherd.
Piano Solo—"Ariette" ..... Poetmer
Miss Roby Fell.
Soprano Solo .....
Miss Lugrin.
Violin Solo—"Gavotte de Concert" .....
..... Popper-Aber
Master George Larrigan.
Accompanist, Miss M. John.
Piano Solo—"Shepherds All and Maidens Fair" ..... E. Neuin
Miss Grace Peters.
Violin Solo—"Mazourka de Concert" .....
..... Wieniawski
Miss Alice Porter.
Accompanist, Miss Jessie Colquhoun.
Piano Solo—"Rabillage" ..... Durand
Miss A. Machin.
Violin Duet .....
(a) "Moderato Cantabile" .....
(b) "Allegro, Resoluto, Finale op. 100" .....
..... Dancla
Miss Jessie McKillican, Miss Louisa Lugrin.

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STREET PAVING.

The delightful weather of the past week, coming as it does as a foretaste of the spring season which will soon be upon us, has turned the attention of citizens and aldermen to the public improvements which require attention during the summer of 1900. Prominent among these is that of street paving, upon which a serious start was made last year on Fort street, and which it is safe to predict will be continued until the business section at least of the city will be block paved.

To all who are anxious to see this work prosecuted vigorously the amendment which the city council are seeking to have incorporated in the Municipal Act will commend itself as a measure which will materially expedite the completion of these improvements. Under the existing regulations, governing local improvements, while the two-thirds of the cost of paving a street which is charged against the property situated on it, is spread over a term of ten years, the city is obliged to pay its third out of the current revenue available for street purposes during that fiscal year. This regulation has seriously handicapped the council in the past, for the reason that any extensive attempt to effect permanent improvements would result in impoverishing the street committee and leave them little money to meet the manifold claims which are made from all sections of the city for minor improvements to its streets, roads and thoroughfares. The latter, under the operation of the present law, had first to be considered, and some aldermen at least held the view that to make appropriations for block paving was to do an injustice to other parts of the city.

Last year the council found itself in a fortunate position, it being discovered that at the close of the year's operations a substantial surplus was left for disposition as the board of aldermen might direct. A portion of this was appropriated for the paving of Fort street from Government to Douglas, a piece of work which has proved so satisfactory that already the property owners on Broad street and on Yates, from Government to Douglas, have asked for similar improvements on those thoroughfares this year. The total length of street, the paving of which has been petitioned for, is double that done last year, and on only one section of it would the city receive any assistance from the Street Railway Company. It will thus be seen how limited the power of the city board is in the matter.

To overcome this the legislative committee ask that the city be given the same latitude in the matter of meeting the cost of these improvements as the property holders on the improved thoroughfare. Instead of being compelled to meet their liability in the matter out of the current revenue they ask that the liability be spread over a term of years, presumably ten, as in the case of the ratepayers on the street affected. By the operation of such a clause the laying of, say, $19,000 worth of pavement would affect the current revenue to the amount of only $1,000. While the city's liability in the matter should not be extended beyond the life of the work, it is reasonably probable that the block paving now laid will be good for twelve years, while the concrete which forms a foundation for the wooden blocks will last twice that length of time without requiring to be renewed.

With the freedom of action which such an amendment to the statutes would give, the work of making Government street a model thoroughfare could be proceeded with and the entire street from James Bay to Johnston street improved in one year. In such an event the present mains on that street would have to be replaced with larger ones, which, with iron at its present inflated value, would hardly be undertaken this year. This difficulty could be overcome next year, however, and that leading artery of the city put in first-class shape.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

What will in all probability be the last session of the present parliament, which opened to-day at Ottawa, will have much business of great importance to transact, chief of which will undoubtedly be adjusting our relations with the Mother Country and with our neighbor to the south. That it will be decided, probably unanimously, that it is our duty to defray all the expenses connected with the dispatch to and maintenance in South Africa of the Canadian soldiers is quite probable, and it will be at once seen that this will open up the great question of our future relations with Great Britain. The failure of the Joint High Commission to dispose of any of the problems given it to solve, largely, we believe, because of the impossible demands made by the United States commissioners, and the action of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec in practically prohibiting the export of saw logs, nickel ore and spruce logs for manufacture into pulp and paper, have given politicians on both sides of the line something to talk about, and it would not be surprising if the Conservatives agitate for an export duty on all these raw materials. The action of Ontario has shut up many saw mills in Michigan and thrown thousands of men out of employment. The lumbermen carried their case to Washington and urged the administration to impose the additional $2 a thousand duty which the Dingley tariff allows on lumber coming from a country which imposes an export duty on saw logs. The Washington government decided they had no power to act and have passed the matter on to congress to deal with as it sees fit. There can be no doubt that the action of the United States in rigidly excluding manufactured goods while admitting raw materials and manufacturing them at home has roused very strong feeling in the Eastern Provinces and that the governments there were forced by public opinion to take some action to protect the natural resources of the country from those people. The government has appointed a sub-committee of the cabinet to look into the matter of export duties on these raw materials, and no doubt careful consideration will be given to the very strong public feeling which has been aroused.

Aside from these great questions the old party controversial topics, chief of which will be the redistribution bill and Senate reform, will, as usual, take up a large amount of the time of the legislators.

WORKERS IN COAL MINES.

No question of greater importance to the people of British Columbia than the Coal Mines Regulation Bill which Hon. Dr. McKechnie has in charge will receive consideraton at the hands of our legislators durin the present session. The speech of the President of the Council yesterday afternoon placed the matter before the House in a clear and remarkably succinct manner, and it is the duty of all who take an interest in the future of the province to study it carefully in order that they may form an intelligent opinion as to what is in store for us as a people if this problem of Oriental labor be not solved. The future of this province depends on our mines, and the fact that the Chinese are now finding their way into the metalliferous as well as the coal workings presents this matter in a new and rather startling light, for if our gold, silver and coal are to be extracted by the hands of Orientals, then Mr. Kellie's vision of a Chinese legislature may in process of time become a reality. It is clear, then, that the Orientals must be excluded, but it is not so clear that the educational test is the proper way of doing it, although Dr. McKechnie's amendment certainly makes the regulations less objectionable. Mining is not an occupation that requires great literary ability; in fact the boys, at least in the Old Country, usually start to work in some capacity in the mines at such an early age that they have very little opportunity to attend school. These and the many intelligent foreigners who make good citizens ought to be exempt from exclusion, and no doubt will be under the proposed amendment. The question of protection to life and property need not be discussed at all, for no person will contend that the Mongolians are as capable as white men of instant and intelligent action in a case of sudden danger or in an emergency.

The only place in Canada where there is any evidence of a disposition to adversely criticize the administration of the militia department for the manner in which the dispatch of troops to South Africa has been managed is in Victoria. From one end of the Dominion to the other the universal opinion of Liberals and Conservatives appears to be that the work has been well done and that in Dr. Borden we have a model Minister of Militia. Persons who rush in in their haste and impatience with suggestions and interrogations should remember that the Imperial War Office has to be consulted and has the final voice in all matters relating to the organization and dispatch of troops; that British Columbia is a long way from the seat of war and that possibly generals in the field have to be communicated with before an answer can be given.

A few years ago the province of Quebec was so hopelessly involved financially that it was thought possible she might have to repudiate her obligations, but a few years of common sense administration of her affairs under the present Liberal Premier, Mr. Marchand, has completely changed the aspect of affairs, and this year there is a surplus of $175,000. In the last year of Conservative administration there was a deficit of over $900,000.

The Toronto World says Mr. Mulock, the Postmaster-General, will at the session of parliament which opens to-day, move in the direction of government ownership of telegraphs and telephones. The source from which this emanates is almost a guarantee that it is not so; still Mr. Mulock has taken some very radical steps since he took charge of the postoffice department.

They are having rather a sultry time over the state elections in Kentucky. The Democratic candidate for governor appears to have been defeated, but just to make the thing sure some good Republican shot him, and there may be some more shooting and probably some lynching before the excitable Southerners calm down.

An increase in the revenue of the Dominion for the month of January of nearly half a million dollars over the corresponding month of last year shows that we are still in the midst of the growing time.

Tolstoi says neither Chamberlain nor Kruger is responsible for the war, but that it is the result of Modern Conditions. That is a very convenient way of disposing of the matter.

It is announced that before the lapse of another year enough coal will be mined in the Yukon country to supply the local demand.

This is a happy day for Sir Hibbert. He is reported to be primed for another record-breaking speech.

A UNIQUE WEDDING.

Christian Chinese Marriage at Portland —A New Order Affecting a Local Chinese Missionary.

A Portland dispatch dated January 26th, says:

"A unique wedding took place last evening at the Baptist Mission church on Fifth street. The contracting parties were Seid Gaw, son of the well-known Chinese merchant, Said Back, and Mary Chaw.

"The church was elaborately decorated with choice flowers of many varieties, cedar branches and fir boughs. Long before 9 o'clock the room was filled with Chinese and American friends. Promptly at the hour the bridal party entered. The bride and groom preceded by two little flower girls beautifully attired in their quaint costumes, marched up the aisle. They were met by Rev. Alexander Blackburn, D.D., of the First Baptist church, who performed the ceremony. The service closed with a short address in Chinese by the pastor of the mission, after which light refreshments were served.

"The bride, a daughter of Rev. Chan Sing Kai, Methodist Chinese missionary at Victoria, was gowned in white silk, her veil being held in place with orange blossoms. She is an exceedingly attractive young woman.

"The groom, a graduate of the Bishop Scott Academy, is a fine young man in every respect, and has the good wishes of a host of friends."

In connection with the above it is interesting to note that the customs officials at Port Townsend have recently received an order granting to Mr. and Mrs. Chan Sing Kai the privilege of travelling through the United States as tourists. This is a new ruling, the department heretofore classifying preachers, ministers and teachers as laborers and refusing them admission.

WHO IS GOVERNOR?

Soldiers Do Not Know Which Official to Obey.

(Associated Press.)

Frankfort, Feb. 1.—Two governors with armed soldiers holding the balance of the power between them. That was the situation in Frankfort this morning. Whoever the soldiers decide is the proper official for them to obey will be seated in the gubernatorial chair. The soldiers themselves are in a quandary as to what they should do, and they are awaiting developments. While all the officers are Republicans, many of them said this morning that they had no intention of resisting the legal governor of Kentucky, provided they were once satisfied who the individual was. All things being equal, they would stand by Taylor.

There was a change for the worse in Goy. Goebel's condition this morning, and the chances were said to be that he would not live for any great time.

Manitoba's oldest pioneer, Elton Vermette, of St. Norbert, is dead, aged 100 years.

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Golden Star	18¾	18¼
Olive	73	65
Superior G. & Copper	30	24
Virtue	55	50
Cariboo (Camp McKinney)	84	78½
Minnehaha	14	12
Fontenoy	12	....
Centre Star	172	155
California	12½	11
Cariboo Hydraulic	100	3 60
King	22	18
Lone Pine	17	15
Old Ironsides	100	75
Knob Hill	83	70
Brandon & Golden Crown	22	21½
Winnipeg	26	20
Athabasca	35	29
Dundee	15	11
Payne	103	100
Jim Blaine	22½	18
Rambler Cariboo Con	53	49
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	38	34
Montreal & London	30	29
Republic	104	99
Deer Trail No. 2	13½	12½
Bonanza	11½	10½
North Star	111	109½
Iron Mask	54	45
War Eagle Con	272	265
Mountain Lion	98½	93
Br. Pac. Gold Prop. Co.	....	10
Bullion	40	25¼

NEW YORK STOCKS.

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New York, Feb. 1.—The following are the closing quotations on the Stock Exchange: American Sugar, 118¾; C. B. & Q., 123¾; C. M. & St. P., 119; Manhattan, 95½; People's Gas, 107½; C. R. I. & P., 107⅝; American Tobacco, 103; Atchison pfd., 62⅞; Union Pacific pfd., 75¼; Tennessee Coal, 95⅝; Louisville & Nashville, 79¼; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 75⅝; Union Pacific com., 46⅝; Federal Steel com., 54⅝; American Steel & Wire com., 58¼; money loaning at 2½ per cent.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—The following are the closing quotations on the Board of Trade: May Wheat, 67⅞; July Wheat, 68⅝. May Corn, 32⅝. May Pork, $10.75. Liverpool Wheat, May, 5s 10¼d.

FOR THE BENEFIT FUND.

List of Subscribers in Aid of Mrs. Wilson.

The following subscriptions have been received for the fund in aid of Mrs. M. Wilson, whose husband was killed last Friday on the E. & N. railway:

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Chas. Kent	2 50
A Sympathizer	1 00
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Cash	1 00
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R. Borthwick	1 50
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Friend	50
Sunday collection at Universal Brotherhood meeting	10 85
Mrs. Chas. Ken	2 50
C. J., Esquimalt	1 00
Sympathizer	5 00
Friend	1 00
Mrs. Connor	1 00
Cash	1 00
E. N.	1 00
R. D. David	1 00

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

County court was held this morning, Mr. Justice Drake presiding. Mr. McKay, the bartender at the Dallas hotel, sued for $75. He was dismissed without notice and so claimed salary in lieu of notice. The evidence showed that he was hired on trial, and judgment went in favor of defendant. J. P. Walls for plaintiff, and Joseph Martin, Q. C., for defendant.

In Ruttet v. McKenzie, the plaintiff sued for $21, the price of a suit of clothes bought at Kincardine, Ontario, about six years ago. The evidence was that of the plaintiff taken under commission. The plaintiff was non-suited.

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Mutual Life Ins. Co. of N.Y.

Silver Band Mining Co., Ld.
The annual meeting of shareholders will be held on Wednesday, 14th February, 1900, at 8 p. m., at the offices of the company, 74 Wharf street, Victoria, B. C.
E. B. MARVIN, President. F. F. HEDGES, Sec.-Treasurer.

Spencer's Friday Bargains

60 pairs Ladies' Hand Turn French Patent Oxfords, regular, $4.00...
FRIDAY, $3.00

21 pairs White Wool Blankets, - -
Special prices, $2.50, 3.00 and 3.50

20 dozen Men's All Wool Socks, sold at 25 cents, ...
FRIDAY, 12½c. pair

85 dozen Men's light colored Wool Socks, ...
FRIDAY, 15c

50 dozen Men's light and dark Grey Wool Socks, our regular 25c kind
FRIDAY, 3 pairs for 50c

13 Boys' Brown and Navy Overcoats, regular, $4.00 ... ...
FRIDAY, $1.75

50 dozen Men's Flannelette Shirts, worth 50 cents ... ...
FRIDAY, 35c

240 pairs Men's Kid Gloves, lined, often sold at $1.00 ... ...
FRIDAY, 50c

Boys' Sweaters, all sizes ... ...
FRIDAY, 45c

8 dozen Ladies' Heavy Wool Ribbed Vests, long sleeves, regular 75c
FRIDAY, 50c

153 dozen Children's Black Ribbed Cashmere Stockings, double knees, sizes 6½ to 8½ in, new goods ... ...
Special Price, 25c. pr. any size

Big Lot of Ladies' Sample Hose, worth from 50 to 60 cents pair,
FRIDAY, 35c

All our Ladies' Felt Hats, regular, $1.00 to 2.50 ... ...
FRIDAY, your choice, 25c

180 large bunches Violets, regular, 25 cents ... ...
FRIDAY, 10c

90 large Chamois skins, regular $1.00
FRIDAY, 60c

500 Sponges, regular 35c. to 50 cents
FRIDAY, 25c

Manufacturers' samples of Ladies' Colored Underskirts, Single Blankets, Lace Tidies, and Bureau Scarfs, Linen Table Cloths, colored borders, all marked very cheap for Friday's selling.

Sale of White Goods still continues—our qualities and what particular women want, our prices are the very lowest. Whether you have a little to spend or a large amount, come here. The $250 garment is relatively as great a bargain as the one at 10 cents.

New Ginghams, fresh and bright, nice corded stripes, new, checks, all fast colors, usually sold at 20 and 25 cents... ... ...
Our price, 15 and 20c

New Tailor-made suits are coming down every day from our workrooms, Eton styles are specially attractive, ...
Prices, $11.50 to $25

Ladies' Suits made to order to your satisfaction; silk linings ... ...
$25 to $35

WANTS.

WANTED—Will give half first month's salary to anyone finding me steady employment at a salary of not less than $50 per month. Address "Employment," Times Office.

WANTED—A thoroughly experienced saleslady. Apply at Columbia House, 81 Douglas street, between 3 and 6 p.m.

WANTED—A small two horse power tubular boiler and engine. Apply C. C., Times Office.

WANTED—A teacher for Clayoquot public school. Apply at once to the Board of Trustees.

WANTED—To hire, pony for one month, to deliver papers 2 hours per day. F. G., Times Office.

AGENTS WANTED AT ONCE—A patented perforated pot and kettle cover. Fast seller. Big profits to agents. A complete line of new and useful household novelties. Address The U. S. Specialty Co., Adelaide East, Toronto.

WANTED—An experienced canvasser to travel and appoint agents. No canvassing. Salary and expenses paid. Drawer 06, Brantford, Ont.

WANTED—Positions for two bandsmen of Fifth Regiment C. A.

WANTED—Old copper, brass, zinc, lead, scrap iron, rope, canvas and sacks; highest prices given. Apply Victoria Junk Agency, 30 Store street. B. Aaronson, Agent.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—First-class saloon on prominent business corner. Address "Saloon," Times Office.

FOR SALE—On easy terms, several houses on Stanley avenue, $2,500 to $2,800; 3 lots on Stanley avenue, $500 each, corner lot, $600; cottage, James Bay, $1,200; two cottages on Speed avenue, $1,000 each; 9 houses, Victoria West, for $6,000; 2 cottages off Oak Bay avenue, $700 each; cottage and 7 lots, off Esquimalt road, $2,600; 3 lots and four houses at Esquimalt, $2,600; cottage, off Oak Bay avenue, $1,250; house and lot, Victoria West, $1,000; large house and lot, Edmonton road, $1,500; 4 lots near Cedar Hill church, for $300; valuable water frontage on the Gorge, near Point Ellice bridge, 3.96 acres for $8,000, or open to an offer. A. W. More & Co., 86 Government street.

TO LET.

A FRONT BEDROOM TO LET, furnished, and housekeeping rooms. Apply 120 Vancouver street.

TO LET—Large room, 31.7x27, good light and central, suitable for a manufacturer's agent, or any other purpose, situate Campbell-McCandless block, Johnson street. Apply Flint & Co., 18 Broad St.

TO LET—On car line, furnished rooms, with or without board; modern conveniences. Mrs. Greig, 117 Menzies street.

WELL FURNISHED ROOMS, single or en suite; modern conveniences; good dining rooms. Sample rooms for commercial use. M. Wait, The Vernon, 66 Douglas street.

TO RENT—Office in the Times building, ground floor. Apply at Times office.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST will hold a social dance in Sir William Wallace Hall, Thursday evening, Feb. 1st. Admission, 25c.

EDUCATIONAL.

SHORTHAND SCHOOL, 15 Broad street. Shorthand, Typewriting, Bookkeeping taught.

SCAVENGERS.

JULIUS WEST, General Scavenger, successor to John Dougherty—Yards and cesspools cleaned; contracts made for removing earth, etc. All orders left with James Fell & Co., Fort street, grocers; John Cochrane, corner Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 50 Vancouver street. Telephone 136.

COAL AND WOOD.

LUMP COAL, NUT COAL, SACK COAL, SLACK COAL. Telephone 694. Munn, Holland & Co., Trounce and Broad street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. & W. WILSON, Plumbers and Gas Fitters, Bell Hangers and Tinsmiths; Dealers in the best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc.; shipping supplied at lowest rates. Broad street, Victoria, B. C. Telephone call

SOCIETIES.

VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1, meets first Thursday in every month at Masonic Temple, Douglas street, at 7:30 p. m.
B. S. ODDY, Secretary.

VETERINARY.

S. F. TOLMIE, Veterinary Surgeon—Office at Bray's livery, 109 Johnson street. Telephone 182; residence telephone 417.

Grand Patriotic Concert
IN AID OF
MANSION HOUSE FUND
—AT—
Agricultural Hall, Saanichton
Thursday February 8, 1900.
Admission, 50 cents; children under 12 half price. Concert commences at 8:30 p. m. Free train leaves Hillside avenue at 8 p. m. Subscriptions are invited.
H. C. SHELTON, Treasurer, Saanichton.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 1.—5 a. m.—The distribution of pressure is becoming irregular and unsettled weather conditions may be expected. The barometer remains abnormally high over Cariboo, but is giving way over Vancouver Island, where conditions seem to indicate the approach of an ocean low area. The pressure is rising on the Californian coast and rain is reported from Neah. The high area in the Territories appears to be moving to the southward, but low temperatures prevail in Manitoba, 30 degrees below zero being recorded at Port Arthur.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday.

Victoria and vicinity—Southerly and easterly winds, higher temperature, cloudy, with occasional showers.

Lower Mainland—Cloudy weather, higher temperatures, with occasional rains.

Report.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 41; minimum, 39; wind, 5 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster — Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 36; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, 24; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles N.E.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 32; minimum, 10; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Give your friends Blue Ribbon Tea.

—See Dave Marion and Jim Post and laugh, at Savoy to-night.

—You will find it in the B. C. Guide; 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C. *

—Shates—Skates—Skates at Henry Short and Sons, 72 Douglas street.

—Superfluous hair and all facial blemishes removed by electrolysis. Electric Parlor, 114½ Yates street. *

—The most persistent advertisers, the world over, are those who believe in their goods. That is why you hear so much of "HONDI" Ceylon Tea. It is all that is claimed for it. *

See the comedy-drama, "Euchred," at the Savoy Theatre to-night.

—Instead of Trading Stamps we give 10 per cent. discount on all millinery and dry goods. Stevens & Jenkins, 84 Douglas street. *

—As an indication that the Princeton-Hope wagon road is not so expensive in construction as was stated in the Board of Trade the other evening, Mr. Howse states that yesterday he received an offer from a reputable contractor to build the road for $30,000.

—Mr. Jesse Longfield, organist of St. Barnabas church, yesterday passed his examination for a licentiate's diploma in the Victoria College of Music, London, before G. J. Burnett, F. V. C. M., the visiting examiner, and the organist of St. John's church.

Last Week of Lynwood, the "Human Knot," at Savoy Theatre, to-night.

—The Local Council of Women will hold a special general meeting in the city hall to-morrow afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, to make arrangements for forwarding comforts to the soldiers in South Africa. All those desirous of rendering assistance in this object are requested to attend.

—The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals met last evening in their new office, 28 Broad street. Arrangements were made to deal with several cases of cruelty to horses and dogs, which were reported. The Bands of Mercy in connection with the society will be organized at an early date.

—Col. Gregory has received a letter from a merchant on Wharf street, directing his attention to the fact that Lord C. Beatick mentioned the necessity of telescopes in South Africa. The writer offers to give two, and suggests that the need for this article be made known in the city, in order that 500 or 1,000 might be secured. He pointed out that in the Old Country a detachment of special sharpshooters are being supplied with field glasses.

—A large number of friends attended the missionary meeting at the Methodist Chinese mission, Fisguard street, last evening. The chair was taken by Rev. W. B. Barraclough, and the programme rendered was as follows: Prayer; chairman's address; "In the Secret of His Presence," solo by Miss Fong Sai; address in Chinese by Rev. Mr. Chan; chorus, "Awake, the Trumpet Is Sounding;" address by native Chinese missionary; chorus, "Work Till the Sun Goes Down;" address by Rev. Mr. Winchester; solo in Japanese by Miss Morgan; song in Chinese; address by Rev. Mr. Hughes; song, "Work for Jesus," by Misses Bertha and Ida Chan; address by Mr. Shi, of the Church of England Chinese mission; selection by the Chinese orchestra; benediction. During the evening a collection was taken up, the substantial amount of $146.50 being raised, and after refreshments were served the meeting was brought to a close.

—There will be a rehearsal of the chorus for the Messiah at the city hall this evening.

—The cheapest store in town for carpenters' tools and hardware, Onions & Plimly, Broad street. *

The Norwegian bark Crown Prince, 972 tons, is coming up from Punta Arenas to the Royal Roads.

—Have you seen the $1 per dozen Printed Cups and Saucers at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street? *

—Tree Pruners, Pruning Knives, Hedge Trimmers and Garden Tools cheap for cash, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street. *

—In the police court this morning, Pearl McKinley was charged with drunkenness. As she did not appear her bail amounting to $10 was estreated.

—A meeting of North Victoria Farmers' Institute will be held on February 14th in Colquitz hall, when a paper on "Chinese and Gardening" will be read by Mr. Hopkins.

—The annual meeting of the officers of the Fifth Regiment will be held at the Drill Hall to-night. The annual reports and accounts for the year will be submitted and the committees for the year will be selected.

—The legal firm of Tupper, Peters & Potts has been dissolved, Mr. Potts going to Greenwood, where he will practice his profession. He was formerly secretary and organizer of the Liberal-Conservative Association.

—City Assessor W. W. Northcott has received a letter from his son Joseph, with the Canadian contingent at Belmont. The writer reports all the British Columbia men to be in the best of health, and eager for the fray.

—Clean, cold cash—a discount of 20 per cent. on all cash sales of over one dollar until January 31st in all lines of clothing, men's furnishings, hats etc., at Reid's winter clearance sale, 122 Government street.

—The regular gymnastic drill in connection with the Fifth Regiment will be held this evening in the drill hall. All members of the various classes are requested to be in attendance, as it is the intention to introduce some new exercises, particularly in fencing and boxing.

—Eleven trucks laden with Rambler bicycles were paraded around the city this morning. The trucks carried 250 wheels from the factories of Gormully & Jefferies at Chicago, for Weller Bros. They came over the C. P. R. and arrived by the Charmer last evening.

—Double Stamps with great bargains in Dress Goods, etc., for three days. The Sterling, 88 Yates street.

—That the membership roll of the Native Sons is rapidly increasing, is evidenced by the fact that at the last meeting twenty new members were initiated, and it is expected that at the next meeting between forty and fifty more names will be added to the list.

—Henry H. Hobbs, manager of the Home for the Aged and Infirm, acknowledges the following donations to the institution during the month of January: Mrs. L. J. Quaghotti, Mrs. E. D. Dickinson, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Mrs. Bickford, Mr. N. Shakespeare, Mr. T. Shotbolt, Mrs. G. Marsden, Mrs. C. E. Jones and Mr. G. Topham, reading matter; Col. Prior, M. P., underclothing, reading matter, etc.

—Double Stamps with all bargains at the Sterling Sale, February 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 88 Yates street.

—To-night in the Agricultural hall, Saanichton a grand patriotic concert will be given in aid of the Mansion House fund. The concert commences at 8.30, and subscriptions are also invited. The V. & S. are running a free train from the Hillside avenue station at 8 p.m. for the accommodation of those who wish to attend from Victoria.

White Bread Starves Many People

THE REASONS ARE TOLD BELOW.

A piece of bread that is dry, white and very light in weight seems to the thoughtful person like so much foam or other useless and non-nourishing product.

If one rolls a piece of moist, light bread or the interior of a biscuit between the fingers, a ball of dough is the result, with an appearance of solidity that makes one question how the gastric juices of the stomach can dissolve such a wad.

It is small wonder that such food creates havoc in the way of fermentation and gas, and consequent disorder.

Many dyspeptics will find great help by leaving off the ordinary bread entirely, and using in its place Grape-Nuts, in which the starchy and nitrogenous substances have been thoroughly and perfectly cooked at the factory before being sent out.

There is no possibility of the food assuming the form of wads of dough. On the contrary, the food is already predigested, the starch of the grains has been changed into grape sugar in the process of manufacture and passes quickly and directly into circulation.

Grape-Nuts furnish the elements needed by the system to rebuild, particularly the soft gray matter in the brain and throughout the nerve centres in the body. This statement will be verified by use of the new food. It is delicious enough to recommend itself upon trial.

All first-class grocers sell Grape-Nuts and the Postum Co. at Battle Creek, Mich., make them.

Two New Appointees

Messrs. Lovell and Stewart Named for the Licensing Board.

Messrs. Stewart and Piercy Succeed Messrs. Brydon and McMicking.

An extra of the Provincial Gazette was issued yesterday containing the following announcements:

Justices of the Peace.

Joseph Kirkpatrick Johnson, of Grand Forks; John Baptist Henderson, of Grand Forks; James Addison, of Grand Forks.

Notaries Public.

Harry John Painter, of Vancouver; William George Paxton, of Atlin; Henry C. Hanington, of Grand Forks; John David Spence, of Columbia; Edgar Bloomfield, of Vancouver; and Lister Nevile Smith, of Chilliwack.

License Commissioners.

Hector Ferguson, of Port Haney, and John R. Wren, of Mission City, to be license commissioners for the Dewdney license district.

J.'s P. to Hold Small Debts Courts.

Angus Cameron, of Gladstone, and Paul Rochussen, of Cascade, justices of the peace, to hold Small Debts courts for Cascade and within a radius of ten miles therefrom.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned persons to be members of the board of licensing commissioners for the city under which their names appear, namely:

City of Columbia—E. Leonard Beer, Joseph H. Simard.

City of Cumberland—T. E. Nicoll, John Robertson.

City of Grand Forks—William B. Davey, Hugh B. Cannon.

City of Greenwood—James Sutherland, C. J. McArthur.

City of Kamloops—G. Munro, A. J. Taylor.

City of Kaslo—John D. Moore, E. F. Stephenson.

City of Nanaimo—Charles Barnes, W. Trail Heddle.

City of New Westminster—J. M. McDonald, Arthur Malins.

City of Nelson—William Irvine, J. A. Kirkpatrick.

City of Revelstoke—William Newman, William E. Nettle.

City of Rossland—A. A. McKenzie, W. F. McNeill.

City of Vancouver—F. R. Stewart, Robert Martin.

City of Vernon—Alfred Curtis Carew, Frederick Billings.

City of Victoria—Alexander Stewart, J. B. Lovell.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to re-define the South Nanaimo license district as follows, namely:

South Nanaimo License District—All those portions of the South Nanaimo and Nanaimo City electoral districts, excepting Texada Island, and not situated within the limits of any municipality, to be known as the South Nanaimo license district.

The names of Peter E. Wilson and J. T. Black are as now stated, and not as in the British Columbia Gazette of the 18th of January, 1900.

Assessors are notified that the time for the final revision of the assessment rolls for the East Kootenay, Revelstoke, and Victoria districts has been further extended from the 15th day of January to the 15th day of February, 1900.

Notice is given that, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in the Lieutenant-Governor, His Honor has approved of the change of the corporate name of the "Union Colliery Company of British Columbia, Limited Liability," and of the adoption thereby by the said company of the name of the "Wellington Colliery Company, Limited Liability."

The regular issue of the Provincial Gazette to-day contains the notice that the following companies have been incorporated: The Republic Gold Mines of Greenwood; B. C. Limited, non-personal liability, capital $100,000; headquarters at Greenwood. The Copper Creek Consolidated Development Company, Ltd.; capital $100,000; headquarters at Kamloops. The Vancouver Printing and Publishing Company, Ltd.; capital $100,000; headquarters at Vancouver. The British Columbia and London Trade, Sales, Jobbing and Commission Company, Ltd.; capital $50,000; headquarters at Vancouver. The Grey Eagle Gold Mining Company, Ltd.; capital $1,500,000; headquarters at Grand Forks. The Casavello Fire Alarms Company, Ltd.; capital $50,000; headquarters at Rossland; The Lenora Mount Sicker Copper Mining Company, Ltd.; capital $10,000; headquarters at Victoria. The McRae Copper Mines, Ltd.; capital $1,500,000; headquarters at Greenwood.

A certificate of registration has been granted to the Tariff Mining Company, capital $10,000; headquarters at Walla Walla, Washington.

A license to carry on business has been granted to the Toronto Type Foundry, Ltd.; capital $150,000; headquarters at Toronto, Ont.

A meeting of the creditors of Harry G. Smith and Martin Dufour, of Grand Forks, County of Yale, will be held at the offices of Hannington & Morrison, barristers-at-law, Grand Forks, on February 7.

The Rossland Water and Light Company have given notice that on March 7, 1900, they intend to apply for the sanction of the Lieut.-Governor in Council, for the diversion of 100 miners' inches of water of Little Sheep creek. The proposed points of diversion are approximately 4,000 and 4,380 feet above the sea in the east and west branches respectively.

Notice is given of the granting of a certificate to A. A. Watson, of Vernon, B.C., to practice assaying in the province.

The Gazette also contains the following appointments: Christian Nordstrom, of Bella Coola, justice of the peace; Abraham Barlow, of Quesnelle, stipendiary magistrate; William Barratt-Clayton, notary public.

The following have been appointed members of the board of commissioners of police for the respective cities: City of Columbia, E. Leonard Beer, Joseph H. Simard; City of Grand Forks, William B. Davey, Hugh B. Cannon; City of Greenwood, James Sutherland, C. J. McArthur; City of Kamloops, G. Munro, A. J. Taylor; City of Kaslo, J. D. Moore, E. F. Stephenson; City of Nanaimo, William Manson, Thomas O'Connell; City of Nelson, W. J. Wilson, Edward Albert Crease; City of Revelstoke, Thomas Kilpatrick, Thompson E. L. Taylor; City of Rossland, John S. Clute, Jr., Hector McPherson; City of Vernon, Alfred Curtis Carew, Frederick Billings; City of Victoria, Alexander Stewart, John Piercy.

—Information has been received from Vancouver to the effect that George Myers, who is wanted by the police here on a charge of forgery, has been arrested.

—The name of Fred Clarke was called in the police court yesterday afternoon on the charge of assaulting Ah Yen. Clarke did not appear so a warrant was issued for his arrest.

—The H. P. Society gave an enjoyable dance in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening, over two hundred and fifty being present. The hall was tastefully decorated and excellent music was furnished by the Driscoll orchestra.

—The fire statistics show a light record numerically for the month of January, as follows: Jan. 25, fire at H. Cuthbert's residence, Gorge road, overheated flue, no damage; on the night of the same day fire at No. 33 Chatham street, in buildings owned by R. Nash, Lenevue estate, and M. Baker, loss $2,200, cause unknown; Jan. 27, fire at residence of G. A. Richardson, Second street, loss $10.

—The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church will give a social in the church, Pandora street, to-morrow evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. An excellent programme has been arranged which will be contributed to by some of the best local talent. An innovation will be introduced in connection with the admission fee, a cent for each year of the attending person's age being imposed. During the evening refreshments will be served.

—The police statistics for the month of January show the following entries: Drunkenness, 15; safe keeping, 3; keeping bawdy house, 4; inmate of bawdy house, 2; lodgings, 2; malicious injury to property, 1; infraction of the public morals by-law, 1; assault, 2; aggravated assault, 2; possession of stolen property, 2; unsound mind, 1; stealing, 9; vagrancy, 4; possession of intoxicants, 1; infraction of the Sunday closing by-law, 1; supplying intoxicants to an Indian, 2; city by-laws, 11; necessary witness, 2; attempt robbery, 2; threatening language, 1; cruelty to animals, 3; infraction of the revenue tax by-law, 8.

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Geo. R. Jackson

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$16 Overcoats are now $12.80
$12 Overcoats are now $9.60
$10 Overcoats are now $8.00
$8 Overcoats are now $6.40

Maybe your size isn't here in every kind, but it's here in some kind, and all kinds are good.

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After the enormous business done during our January Cheap Sale which exceeded any previous months' trade by THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, the accumulation of REMNANTS and ODD LOTS is of course correspondingly large, consequently "The Company's edict has gone forth"—That

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Thousands of remnants of Dress Goods that sold from 50c to $1.75 a yard, Remnant Sale .....
10c., 20c. and 25c. per yar

REMNANTS OF COTTONS.
White and Unbleached, good lengths, splendid quality, at Remnant Sale prices.

REMNANTS of FLANNELETTES.
AT HALF PRICE.

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Worthy goods, seasonable goods, reliable goods. In odd sizes and quantities result of enormous sales of the last four weeks.

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Worth from 75c to $2.00, odd lots price .....25 c

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Smart, jaunty and stylish Garments, $5 Jackets, odd lots price $2.50

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Good styles, splendid patterns, odd lots, price from $1.00

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Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The City Council, at its session on Monday, received the following communication from Chief McPhie, of the fire department: "I beg to tender my resignation as chief of the fire department, said resignation to take effect one month from the 31st instant. In tendering my resigation, I wish to thank the members of the council for the assistance and loyal support given me in reorganizing and rehabilitating the department. Although more remains to be done to bring the service up to its highest possible efficiency, yet I am able to view with pride the progress made and reforms introduced during the period I have held the office of chief; and, in handing over the charge of the department to my successor, I do so with the certain knowledge that, in every respect, the brigade is in a more efficient condition then when I succeeded to the office nearly a year ago." From the first I have striven to perform my duties conscientiously, and if I have not succeeded in accomplishing all I aimed at, still much has been effected, which, I believe, will prove of lasting benefit to the service." The letter was referred to the fire committee.

VANCOUVER.

A call has been extended to the Rev. R. J. Macbeth, of Winnipeg, by the congregation of the First Presbyterian church of this city.

The three Vancouver brewers are today issuing a circular to all the saloon keepers and retailers of lager beer notifying them of an increase in the wholesale rates owing to the rise in the price of raw materials. There will not be any change in the price charged the consumer by the retailer.

Mr. John Hendry has been elected president, and Mr. J. G. Scott, of New Westminster, vice-president of a new-formed combine of British Columbia millmen.

Among the list of officers who gallantly ended their career at Spion's Kop was Capt. C. Muriel of the 2nd Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. The deceased was the youngest brother of Mrs. Underhill, of Barclay street. Though comparatively a young man he had seen a good deal of foreign service.

PHOENIX.

A meeting was held last week to consider the desirability of securing the passage of a special act by the present legislature, allowing the town of Phoenix to incorporate when the proper time arrived. When the question was thoroughly discussed pro and con, it seemed to be almost or quite unanimous that the requisite steps for this purpose should be taken without delay. A committee of seven was appointed to take up the subject, ascertain what territory could be included by consent or approval of the owners, and formulate a plan of procedure, all of which should be reported to a future public meeting of the citizens.

It is now announced that the Old Ironsides and associated companies will build 20 more cottages this year.

NELSON.

The mild epidemic of typhoid which has been prevalent of late seems to have come to an end. The last typhoid patient received at the general hospital came in a week ago.

George Webster found four or five pounds of dynamite sticks kicking around on the street near his place on Sunday. He gathered up the explosive and brought it to police headquarters.

It is semi-official announced that ex-Mayor Neelands and his brothers, James and Samuel, will leave for South Africa in the course of a month or six weeks.

The contractors will turn over the land registry office to the provincial government within two weeks.

There has been a shuffle among the officials of the Canadian Pacific at Nelson. H. E. Beasley, assistant superintendent of branches in Kootenay, goes to Montreal to take a position in the office of President Shaughnessy. The office of assistant superintendent is abolished, and Capt. Troup, superintendent of the steamboat lines of the company in British Columbia, will be made superintendent of all the branch roads of the company in Kootenay in addition to his present duties. Capt. Gore of the steamer Rossland will be made port captain at Nelson. John Hamilton will be train master of all the branch lines of the company in Kootenay, and D. O. Lewis resident engineer. All these officials will have their headquarters at Nelson.

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Sensation in the Ottawa Valley District Caused by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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Clarendon, P.Q., Jan. 31.—Quite a sensation was caused in this place and throughout the Ottawa Valley, by the publication of Reuben Draper's case in the newspapers last week. Mr. Draper is well known about here and in Bristol and has had many enquiries as to his cure. There seems to be a universal surprise that Dodd's Kidney Pills should be able to cure a trouble like Gravel which is situated in the Bladder. Therefore the following explanation is in order.

Gravel is directly the result of kidney disorder. It is caused by the failure on the part of the kidneys to do their duty. They fail to dissolve the gritty particles that come to them from the blood. These gritty particles pass to the bladder and cling to the walls of that cavity, accumulating, finally, in little balls or "stones." Dodd's Kidney Pills, by restoring the kidneys to proper health, cut off the supply of this sediment and the bladder and urinary organs, recovering strength on the removal of the cause of irritation throw off the gravel already deposited.

Mr. Draper had only been using the pills a week when he was rid of a stone which, he says, is as large as a bean. In a few days he passed another smaller one. He has retained both, and many people of the neighborhood have seen them. There is, therefore, no room to doubt that Dodd's Kidney Pills do actually cure Gravel as well as the other kidney diseases for which they are famous. The case has aroused wide interest and friends for Dodd's Kidney Pills are discovered on all sides.

NATIVE SONS' BALL.

Committee Making Necessary Arrangements for a Grand Affair.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the grand ball to be given by the Native Sons in the Assembly hall on February 8th are making great preparations for what is anticipated to be one of the most enjoyable functions held in the city for a long time. Judging by the attendance at the meeting on Tuesday evening, and the great interest manifested by all the members of the order, it is the intention to omit no detail which will tend toward the success of the coming event.

Particular attention will be devoted toward increasing the attractiveness of the ball room, and with that object in view the committee has arranged for the inauguration of a number of electric effects, while an artistic and dazzling blend in this respect will be effected through the instrumentality of powerful calcium lights. The matter of music is also receiving the closest consideration of the committee, and an orchestra of twelve special musicians will provide this essentiality, while a celebrated cornettist has been secured for the occasion. The table arrangements will be in charge of Mr. Phil. H. Smith, formerly in charge at the resorts of Monterey, California. The patronesses of the ball are: Lady Crease, Mrs. R. Dunsmuir, Mrs. Pooley, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. D. W. Higgins, Mrs. Loewen, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton and Mrs. R. Harvey.

The committee in charge is as follows: H. J. S. Yates, H. D. Helmcken, Q. C., M. P. P., W. A. Ward, P. R. Pemberton, D. R. Ker, J. E. Wilson, S. Sea, T. C. Smith, J. S. Harvey, E. H. Henley, G. H. Barnard, G. E. Powell, G. O. Madigan, G. F. Loucher, Lindley Crease, E. C. Smith, R. H. Pooley, J. S. Smith, W. S. Moresby, E. W. Pratt, Frank Higgins, Thomas Watson and A. E. Haynes.

LAKE CAPTAIN DROWNED.

(Associated Press.)

Milwaukee, Feb. 1.—Capt. A. W. Gillman, superintendent of the Goderich Transportation Co., and one of the most widely known men on the lakes, died suddenly of apoplexy last night.

CUBA'S POPULATION.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 1.—The preliminary enumeration of the population of Cuba shows 1,572,840 inhabitants, of the Puerto Rico, 957,679.

EMPEROR STILL.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 1.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says: "Emperor Kwong Sui continues to issue edicts in his own name. Nanking and Wa Chang officials consider that his immediate retirement is improbable."

MR. PHELP'S.

(Associated Press.)

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 1.—The condition of Hon. Edward J. Phelps was unchanged this morning. The pneumonia has disappeared, but the severe illness has left Mr. Phelps in a very weak condition.

Mr. Neill as Chumley

A Great Actor Seen in an Interesting Role Last Night.

Mme. Nevada on Monday and the Little Minister on Wednesday.

The Neill company are nightly adding to the golden opinions won by them on their opening night, and that following. Last evening a well filled house was delighted with their presentation of the three act comedy, "Lord Chumley," a charming picture of English life with its peculiarities and idiosyncrasies. The comedy gives Mr. Neill, who had the title role, a good chance to show his talent. His dry, quiet humor and unforced manner was delightful. It is unnecessary to itemize the remainder of the cast for the same is to be said of each. They were all good. In fact it is long since so well balanced a company has been seen here.

To-night the bill is "Capt. Swift," which will be remembered as the companion play to "Jim the Penman." This is a very strong play, and will no doubt give the Neill company great scope to display their ability. It will, without doubt, be well worth seeing.

To-morrow night they will present "A Gilded Fool," which Nat Goodwin played so often. Mr. Neill is said to compare by no means unfavorably with the well-known comedian in his characterization of the leading role. "The Bachelor's Romance" will be repeated at a matinee on Saturday afternoon, and on Saturday night "Amy Robsart" will be given.

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MME. NEVADA.

The subscription list for the coming visit of Mme. Emma Nevada is growing rapidly, and Manager Jamieson is being complimented on all sides for having arranged for a visit of the talented cantatrice. Charles L. Young, the manager of Mme. Nevada's tour, reports an application for more engagements than she can fill. The great demand for her voice in the East is his principal surprise, and in some cities he is being offered $2,000 a night for her company.

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Mme. Nevada's appearance in the Victoria theatre on Monday is being awaited by music lovers with pleasurable anticipation.

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On Wednesday evening next the dramatization of J. M. Barrie's great book, "The Little Minister," is to be presented by Maude Adams. Other coming attractions booked up to the present are as follows: February 27th, "Richards & Pinger's Minstrels;" March 2nd and 3rd, Walsh MacDowell Co.; March 8th, "The Contented Woman;" March 14th, "Who Is Who," and March 26th and 28th, the Frawley Co.

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Eight-Hour Mining Law

Correspondence Between Government and Members, Miners and Managers.

Feeling on the Matter as Shown by Communications Sent and Received.

A return of all correspondence between parties interested prior to the enforcement of the eight-hour clause of the Inspection of Mines Act Amendment Act has been presented to the legislature by Hon. J. Fred Hume.

The return consists of now fewer than sixty documents, comprising an equal number of full foolscap pages, the first in the series of communications being a telegram addressed to the Minister of Mines by F. A. Heap, Ainsworth, March 16 last, in which the question is asked:

"Is the miners' eight-hour law to be enforced here?"

R. F. Green, M.P.P., Kaslo, same date, writing the minister, says:

"Section 4 of the amendments to the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act is creating a good deal of excitement throughout the Slocan. You are no doubt aware that the wages in this district have always been $3.50 per day, while at Rossland and in Nelson—notably at the Hall mines—they have only paid $3 per day. The owners here threaten to cut wages to meet the situation, to $3, which will in my opinion result in a strike. Under section 34, Victoria, chapter 134, Consolidated Statutes, the prosecutions under this act can only be instituted by the inspector of mines or with the consent of the Minister of Mines. A delegation of mine owners is on its way to the Coast to interview you on the subject, and I would suggest that you accede to their demands for an assurance that no prosecutions will be instituted until you notify them to the contrary. I ask this for the reason that I had no request from any miner in my riding asking for the eight-hour day, and I desire time to find out their wishes in the matter."

Next, under the date of March 17, is an instruction from the Minister of Mines to Inspector James McGregor, directing his attention to the section of the act, and requesting that he "see to it that the limit of eight hours in every 24 is strictly adhered to."

Hon. Mr. Hume replied to Mr. Heap: "I shall esteem it a favor, therefore, if you will let me know of any expressions of opinion you may have heard with regard to the operation of this particular section."

The Minister of Mines replied to Mr. Green's letter, informing the member for the Slocan that the delegation he had referred to had had an interview, and conveying the assurance that their representations—as well as those made by Mr. Green—would "receive every consideration on the part of the government."

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March 14 saw a petition forwarded from the mine owners of the Sandon neighborhood—signed by seventeen large companies, headed by the Payne group, and employers of 884 miners—urging that the enforcement of the eight-hour clause "practically compels the mine owners of the Slocan to adopt one of two alternatives—either to reduce the present rate of wages, or to close down their workings."

The petitioners added:

"In the Slocan district we have consistently paid the highest rate of wages paid in the province, and owing to the climatic conditions prevailing here it is necessary for us to do so in order to obtain skilled workmen. There has so far been no conflict between employers and employees in this camp, but the enforcement of clause 13, Victoria 61, chapter 134, will work unavoidable disaster in this district. We therefore beg you to do your utmost to grant such relief as may lie in your power."

Hon. Mr. Hume acknowledged this petition on the 22nd March, in a letter to Manager F. A. Wood of the "Last Chance," with the observation:

"I have received a letter on the same subject from the member for your district, and I would request you to inform the petitioners that their question is receiving the earnest consideration of the executive."

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The workmen in the mines were first heard from on March 30, when President John Leaden and Financial-Secretary James Devine, of the Rossland Miners' Union, wrote to the minister to this effect:

"You would greatly oblige the officers and members of this union if you could give us some knowledge when the eight-house law is going to take effect. To us it seems the hour for action has arrived; the men's patience is almost worn out. We think there would be good results if the law was enforced at once."

Three days later, Hon. Mr. Hume replied that the matter was under consideration by the government, and expressed the hope that he would be in a position shortly to send definite instructions to the inspector of mines in the matter.

James Wilkes, of Rossland, on the 20th March, telegraphed Hon. Mr. Hume that:

"Eight-hour law thoroughly enforced; perfect harmony. Never mind Slocan kickers. Expect letter."

Two days later H. G. Needlands sent to the minister from Nelson, this message:

"Delegates leave here Monday to interview you. Will you be in Victoria?"

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William Hunter of Silverton gave his views on the question in a letter addressed to Hon. Mr. Hume on March 31, in which he said:

"You have no doubt received many letters with regard to the new eight-hour shift for men underground. It seems that the bill was rushed through in a hurry, for no one seemed to know anything about it until it became law. Now I do not know how it will work in Nelson or Rossland, where the wages were only $3, but I am afraid that if it is enforced here it will cause no end of trouble, for the mine owners declare that they will shut down before they will pay $3.50 for eight hours' work; and the men say that they would rather work the ten hours for the larger pay. It seems too bad that when things were moving along so quietly, this question should have been brought up, as everyone seemed satisfied with the existing arrangements. The trouble would have come soon enough without the government being the first to move in the matter. Now if there is any way of letting matters rest the way they are in the Slocan it will be much better, for if any trouble arises I am afraid that some of the mines that are only in the prospective stage will be apt to shut down at the present price of silver. I hope you will give the matter your earnest attention, and try and avoid trouble."

The reply of the Minister of Mines to this letter was written on the 5th of April, and contained the following:

"I am afraid that it is more than probable that there will be some little friction in certain localities where this act is enforced, but I trust this will only be of a temporary nature. At the same time, I would have you bear in mind that this legislation was introduced upon the expressed wish of different mining constituencies, and I presume they had fully considered beforehand the probable result of their action."

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On the 1st of April, Charles Angus McKay of Nelson was heard from in a letter to the minister in which he said:

"In view of so much opposition to your efforts in the enforcement of the eight-hour law, as a representative of labor I beg to offer a few remarks:

"First, we deplore the fact that our newspapers by no means voice the sentiments of labor on the question, but, nevertheless, labor here is, I may say, unanimous in favor of the law. We appreciate your stand, shown in the efforts you are making to enforce the system. The agitation got up here against the act represents nothing more than the moneyed class.

"Their fancied 'detrimental to the best interests of Kootenay' is false, and will not hold good under any experiment. They are mistaken economists. We hold that we can produce just as much in eight hours as in ten, therefore it is no hardship on capital, and is of much benefit to labor.

"Comparing other classes of labor with underground mining, as has been done in the Nelson Miner, is very foolish. Underground men have to contend with bad air, whereas the others have not. Now if we can do a day's work in eight hours, it would be poor economy to stay down in a smoky mine for ten hours, doing the same work.

"The effects of the system will be most beneficial to all concerned, both capital and labor, inasmuch as it will in time result in gathering the very best of miners to this country, and in keeping here the good ones that we have now.

"In conclusion I would say that I hope you will do all you can to enforce the measure, and let not any of these seventeenth century political philosophers prevent you from doing your duty, as I can assure you you have the warm support of the great mass of the common people."

As a postscript, Mr. McKay suggested that:

"If you see fit, Mr. Hume, you can give this letter to the press."

It does not appear that Mr. Hume "saw fit."

The minister acknowledged the letter on April 5, in these terms:

"I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 1st instant, stating that the newspapers do not represent the real views of the people with regard to the enforcement of the eight-hour law, and that the agitation organized in certain districts against this measure represents only the views of the moneyed class. I beg to thank you for this expression of opinion, and I trust that, as you say, both labor and capital will benefit by the action of the government in this question."

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Coincident with Mr. McKay's communication, on the 1st April, M. F. Teetzel, and many other business men of Nelson, addressed the following to the interested minister:

"We, the undersigned business men of Nelson respectfully beg to ask you as our representative to do everything in your power to prevent the disaster which we foresee to us and to the district in which we are interested through the enforcement of the legislation passed at the last session of the legislature affecting the hours of underground labor in the metalliferous mines. From our intercourse with the miners in the neighborhood of this town, we are convinced that they have been satisfied with the wages they have been earning, and with their hours of labor; and from our knowledge of the conditions we believe that they are better off than the miners of the United States, from where many of them have come to better their circumstances here. We have invested our money in this place, and have staked much of its growth and prosperity from the increased working of present mines and the development of new ones, and if, as we believe to be the case, this interference with the free right of contract of employer and employee be persisted in, we anticipate that present operations will be greatly reduced, and that the opening of new mines and the development of the country generally will receive a heavy blow from the frightening away of capital, which is known to be very timorous where there is danger of labor troubles. The results which we anticipate would be so ruinous to us whose business is dependent upon the prosperity and growth of the mining industry and to the district as a whole, that we cannot too strongly urge you to leave nothing undone, or to take any action no matter how strong or unusual, to prevent any interference with the state of things which has hitherto existed between employer and employee."

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An independent view of the situation, under the same date of April 1, is contained in the letter of Alfred Bunker of Nelson, in which the writer says to the Minister of Mines:

"Through an excitement caused by the amendment of the mining law constituting 8 hours a day's labor for underground working, a delegation of parties interested in mines has been appointed to go to Victoria, backed up by a petition to the government to repeal such clause said law affecting interested parties regarding the 8-hour section. I would say as a supporter of the government and as a disinterested party, neither employing miners, or wanting employment in mines, that the law is giving general satisfaction, and I think that after giving it a fair trial, and the excitement dies out somewhat, all parties will be satisfied.

"Of course there are miners who are continually agitating for something, and there are mine owners who are never satisfied, no matter how much work they get for a dollar. I think the law should be optional in properties under development, if miners are agreed to work, 10 hours should be satisfactory; in deep workings, where air is bad, 8 hours is plenty. I should advise you to stand pat."

Mr. Bunker also adds: "You are at liberty to use this note."

In acknowledging the letter in question, Hon. Mr. Hume says: "The government are giving this matter their serious consideration." The acknowledgement bears date of April 7—"and I shall be glad to place before them your views on the subject."

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The previous day, however, it would appear that the government had arrived at a partial understanding, for on that date a telegram was sent by Hon. Mr. Hume, to Inspector of Mines McGregor, at Nelson, instructing him in the following terms:

"Without enforcement of section 4, Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, as amended last session, until further advised."

This message was not delivered, as a telegraph company note to the sender says:

"Party addressed left town. Now somewhere in Slocan country—think Sandon."

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The wire was worked from Ymir the same day, April 6, and Hon. Mr. Hume received the following from L. A. Snyder, of the new mining camp:

"Good results obtained by enforcing eight-hour law."

Next in order came a petition bearing the date of the 1st of April, signed by the London & British Columbia Goldfields, Ltd., the Ymir Gold Mines, Ltd., the Hall Mines, Ltd., and many others. It read:

We, the undersigned owners, representatives of owners, and managers of mines in the Nelson district, desire respectfully to urge upon you the great necessity of using the controlling power invested in you by the act, entitled "An Act for securing the safety and good health of workmen engaged in or about the Metalliferous Mines of the Province of British Columbia, by the appointment of an inspector of metalliferous mines," section 34, chapter 27, to render non-effective section 13 of the said act, amended at the last sitting of the legislature to read: "No person shall be employed underground in any metalliferous mines for more than eight hours in every 24 hours, until such time as the opinion of the electors in the mining districts shall have been ascertained as to whether the enactment of the said clause is in the interest of the progress and well-being of such districts, and we submit the following reasons in support of the justice and reasonableness of our request:

"1. It is universally recognized that changes in the legislation affecting mines should not be made without mature consideration, and for reasons so strong as to render it probable that a change when made will be permanent, as uncertainty with regard to the laws affecting those interests has the effect of deterring capitalists from investing money in a country whose mining laws have been frequently changed.

"2. Legislation affecting such large vested interests should not have been passed without an opportunity having been given to those interested to express their opinions upon the desirability of such legislation.

"3. That the clause in question was not enacted in deference to the spontaneous desire of the majority of those affected by it, but at the suggestion of those representing labor unions, at the dictation of the management of labor union organizations in other places than those districts affected by the act in question.

"4. That it has been concurred in by members of the union in some of the mining districts in the belief that they would receive the same wage for eight hours' labor as they have hitherto received for ten hours.

"We would respectfully submit, with reference to the first objection named, that the amendment to the law referred to was passed so hurriedly, and with so little previous notice, that none of us were aware of the intention to propose this change; and we were therefore unable to make known to you, our representatives, the disastrous effects that we believe will follow the enforcement of such legislation. That you being absent from the House at the time, and most of the members being unfamiliar with the conditions of mining in this district, the legislative assembly was influenced by the opinion of an individual member, whose mine owning constituents were unaware of his intention to introduce such legislation.

"With reference to the third reason submitted, we have by inquiry among the employees of our mines elicited the statement that they have been satisfied with the already existing conditions, both as to hours of labor and rate of wages, and we are convinced from our experience that miners in this district have not suffered in health or well-being from laboring underground ten hours a day.

"We beg also to point out that the mines in this district cannot be classed among the dividend payers, and that any material increase over the present cost of working would render our operations so much less likely to be profitable that we have reluctantly determined that rather than continue work at increased cost, we will discontinue operations.

"6. That no greater evil can befall us than the beginning of labor troubles, from which we have hitherto been free, and that the example of New Zealand as showing the disastrous effects of strikes in making it impossible to induce capitalists to supply funds for the development of a country, should be a warning that should be heeded.

"7. That some of us have already by fair trial proven that the cost of working per foot, with three shifts of eight hours, is considerably greater than with two shifts of ten hours each, at the same rate of wages per shift; and that, although it might be possible that during a month of trial, the men might so over-exert themselves to prove that this would not be the case, in a short time the result of our experience would prove to be correct, and we consider that the situation would only be rendered more difficult, and no good end accomplished, by such an experiment.

"8. Some of us have recently returned from Europe, having succeeded ourselves, and being aware of the success of others, in arranging for a large amount of capital for the development of mines in this district during the coming season, and we feel in a position to state that, if the provisions of the section of the act to which we object, be enforced, very little, if any, of the promised capital will be available.

"We have commissioned Captain Duncan, J. J. Campbell, and S. S. Fowler to present our request to you, and to provide you with such further information as to our views upon the subject as you may desire."

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The matter was brought to an issue by a telegram from Sandon on the 7th April, signed by F. A. Wood, and reading:

"Inspector is here to notify us of eight-hour law. What shall we do?"

Hon. Mr. Hume replied immediately to Mr. Wood:

"Ask McGregor to await telegram which is now at Nelson."

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Next in the long series of communications came a telegram from Montreal, from Clarence J. McCuaig, one of the directors of the Payne Mining Company, dated the 8th April, and reading:

"Directors of the Payne Mining Company informed that you intend to post notices eight-hour law in Slocan district. Owners principal mines have agreed to shut down if law inforced unless men will accept $3 for eight hours' work. We must necessarily follow suit. Ground being easy to work men prefer ten hours; seven-tenths Payne owners here. Majority of money for development British Columbia comes from Montreal. Any serious trouble will destroy confidence and seriously hinder development. Earnestly request your grave consideration and postponement of action for present. A reply will be appreciated."

The reply, which Hon. Mr. Hume sent the same day, read thus:

"Until further notice and more information, eight hour law will not be enforced in the Slocan district."

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Just one day later, J. J. Campbell, one of the Slocan mine owners' delegates referred to in a previously considered petition, addressed the Minister of Mines from Victoria as follows:

"In order to avoid any possibility of inaccuracy in reporting to the mine owners whose petition I handed to you, the decision of the government, I will be greatly obliged if you will kindly write to me upon the subject, in order that I may transmit copies of your letter to the different mine owners interested.

"Pending the receipt of this, I will inform those who I have an opportunity of seeing, that in view of the representations made by them and others, the government, through the Minister of Mines and yourself, has promised that until it is ascertained through the members for the Kootenays, the feelings of the electors in their various districts, you will instruct the Inspector of Mines not to prosecute for any infraction of section 13 of the Mines Inspection Act, and that you will refuse the necessary permission for any other person to prosecute, and that if you should decide that it is the wish of the electors in those districts that the provisions of the amendment referred to should be enforced, notice of one month or six weeks will be given before any prosecution will be permitted, and that no permission would thereafter be given for prosecution for any infraction of the act prior to the date stated in such notice."

To this the Hon. Mr. Hume replied the following day:

"I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst., and beg to say in reply that the government have instructed the Inspector of Mines by wire as follows:

"Withhold enforcement of section 4, Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, as amended last session until further instructions."

"The government has taken this step pending the receipt of reports from the representatives of the districts affected by the eight-hour law.

"If after receiving this information it is deemed in the public interest to enforce the act, 30 days' notice will be given by advertising in the Gazette."

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Two days subsequently, on the 10th of April, Grant Cox, the financial secretary of the Miners' Union at Sandon, wired the minister:

"We request that the mining inspector now here enforce the eight-hour-law at once."

On the same day the minister replied by telegram:

"Upon representations by mine owners of Slocan and others, the inspector has been instructed not to enforce the eight-hour law until further advised. The government is giving it careful consideration."

This message was acknowledged by the union on the 13th April, over the signature of its president, Jos. Stockham, who wrote:

"Your telegram was somewhat of a surprise to the miners up the Slocan country, as they knew it was a just law, and had all confidence in the government to enforce it. Now if the mine owners and their hirelings are going to defeat the wishes of the miners, misrepresenting the facts, it is time the government was paying some little attention to the miners—those who pay their just proportion of the taxes who go to support the government. Now I will say without fear of contradiction, that miners outside of the union have asked the Miners' Union to use their best efforts to have the eight-hour law enforced at once."

Presumably the appended remarks were addressed by Hon. Mr. Hume in reply to this, for on the 17th April, the Minister of Mines wrote:

"I beg to say in reply that the following representations have been made by the mine owners of Kootenay to the government:

"1. That the mine owners could not consent to pay the same rate of wages for eight hours as they have been paying for ten hours.

"2. That the miners themselves are satisfied with the old working day of ten hours.

"3. That they, the miners, did not ask the government for the reduction of hours.

"4. And that they would prefer the ten hours to a reduction of wages.

"5. And the mine owners state that rather than pay $3.50 for eight hours, they would close down.

"The government have carefully considered the whole matter, and will leave it for the miners themselves to decide whether it is to their interest or no to enforce the act, the government in the meanwhile withholding their consent to any prosecutions or enforcement of the act until the general feeling among the miners has been more clearly ascertained, and they have laid their case before the government. At the same time I can assure you that if it is shown to be in the interest of the miners and the general prosperity of the country to enforce this act, the government will not hesitate to do so."

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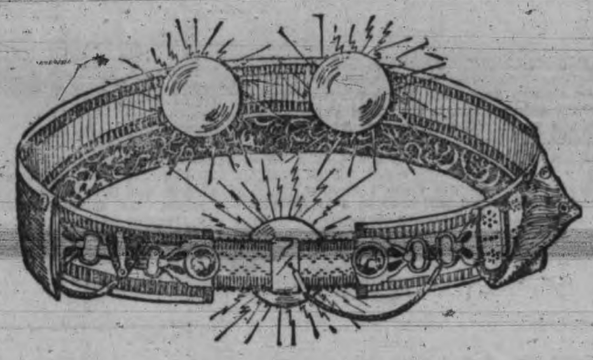

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

(Continued from page 1.)

ment providing for the establishment of a Dominion tribunal for assisting in the settlement of such questions.

"I am happy to observe that the number of settlers who have taken up lands in Manitoba and in the Northwest territories is larger than in any previous year, and affords conclusive evidence of the success which has attended the efforts of my government to promote immigration, and I have no doubt that the greatly increased production of the West will henceforth add materially to the growth of the trade of the whole Dominion. While the efforts made to secure increased population for the West have thus been successful, much attention has also been devoted to the repatriation of Canadians, who, during less prosperous times, have left Canada. You will be pleased to learn that this work has been attended with satisfactory results.

"My government during the recess has been giving its attention to the subject of a railway commission. Valuable information has been, and is still being, collected which, when completed, will be submitted to you and will no doubt receive at your hands the earnest consideration which the importance of the subject requires.

"I am pleased to say that our canal system connecting the great lakes with the Atlantic seaboard has been completed so as to allow vessels having a draught of fourteen feet to pass from the head of Lake Superior to the sea. The vigorous and successful prosecution of these works by my government has already attracted the attention of those interested in western transportation, and there are good grounds for the hope that when the necessary facilities for the quick and inexpensive handling of ocean traffic are provided, and which are now in progress, Canadian ports will control a much larger share of the traffic of the West.

"Measures will be introduced to renew and amend the existing banking laws; to regulate the rate of interest payable upon judgments recovered in courts of law; to provide for the taking of the next decennial census; for the better arrangements of the electoral districts; to amend the criminal code and the laws relating to other important subjects."

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

"The public accounts will be laid before you and also the estimates for the coming year, which have been prepared with due regard to economy and the rapid growth of the Dominion."

"Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

"I commend to your consideration the subjects I have mentioned, confiding in your patriotism and judgment."

House Adjourns Until Monday.

In the House of Commons to-day, Messrs. Archambault, member for Berthier; Gould for West Ontoria; Bourassa for Labelle, and Geoffrion for Vercheres and Chambly were introduced.

Premier Laurier moved that the address be considered to-morrow, and Mr. Bourassa asked whether the government would lay on the table all correspondence which passed between the Canadian government and the British government regarding the Transvaal war.

The Premier replied that this was not usual until the address was aopted, but as it would facilitate the debate on the address, he could agree to this if the opposition would agree to an adjournment until Monday.

Sir Charles Tupper consented to the House adjourning until Monday next. Meanwhile the correspondence will be properly and brought down.

QUARRELLED OVER THE WAR.

One Man Stabbed Three Times and May Die.

Danville, Feb. 1.—Frank Specht, a German who has an English wife, and Wm. Shoemaker, an Englishman with a German wife, got into an argument over the Boer war last night.

Frank Specht was stabbed three times with a pitchfork and may die; W. Shoemaker was badly beaten and scratched; Mrs. Shoemaker was scratched and had her hair torn out, and Mrs. Specht was badly bruised and scratched. At the beginning of the fracas the women stood valiantly for their own nationality, but as the fight progressed each forgot country and fought for her husband. When the police arrived Specht was unconscious and bleeding profusely, while the women were tearing each other's clothes and hair.

ARRIVED FROM PRETORIA.

Clergyman Says the Transvaal Capital Is Provisioned for Two Years.

London, Feb. 1.—Canon Farmer, who was forced to leave Pretoria with other British clergymen, has arrived in London. With reference to Mr. Charles E. Macrum, the former United States consul at Pretoria, he said to a reporter of the Associated Press:

"Mr. Macrum was one of the last men I saw before leaving. I told him he was taking the wrong side, and did not understand American feeling. His chief care seemed to be for his personal safety, and I think it was chiefly on that account that he left in the midst of the crisis. He is not a strong man, and President Kruger may have taken advantage of this, but when I last saw Mr. Macrum he was a patriotic and loyal American. In regard to Blake's so-called volunteers, they are like Mr. Blake, mostly burghers who would have been obliged to fight any way. Mr. Macrum told me there were 5,000 Americans in the Transvaal, most of whom the United States was glad to get rid of."

Pretoria, Canon Farmer added, was provisioned for two years.

DEATHS FROM COLD.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Two deaths were caused by the cold weather in the past 24 hours, and many persons suffered from frost bites of varying severity. Hundreds of homeless men were cared for by the police. The mercury at 6 a. m. yesterday and at 6:30 a. m. to-day reached 8 below zero. The forecast to-day promises some relief.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Feb. 1.—Civic elections are being held to-day. Mayor Prefontaine is opposed by Mr. W. E. Doran. Aldermanic contests are being held in 14 wards.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—Daniel Trombley, arrested here on Tuesday night, charged with murdering his wife and child in Bay City, Mich., was taken to that city to-day by the sheriff.

Chalmers Presbyterian church has extended a call to Rev. Mr. Davey, of Redbank, N. J., a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, to become its pastor, in succession to Rev. Dr. Hunter, retired.

Arthur Laing, teller in Lawrason's private bank at St. George, charged with the embezzlement of about $10,000, was committed for trial yesterday. No defence was put in by the accused's counsel yesterday, but counsel promised some startling evidence when the trial was resumed.

London, Feb. 1.—The final returns from East Middlesex show that Mr. Robson (Con.) has been elected by a majority of 47 over Mr. McWilliams (Lib.)

St. Flavien, Feb. 1.—The Intercolonial railway fast express from Halifax to Montreal was derailed between St. Moise and Little Metis this morning. Fortunately no one was injured.

DEATH OF ALEX. DUNSMUIR.

Well-known Victorian Passes Away in New York.

The death is reported from New York of Alex. Dunsmuir, son of Mrs. Dunsmuir of this city. He died last night after a short illness. He was in New York on a pleasure trip when his death occurred. His marriage to Mrs. Josephine Wallace, better known to the reading public as Juliet Wilbor Tompkins, was announced about a month ago. His death was not wholly unexpected, for it was known some days ago that he was in a critical condition, and because of this fact his brother, James Dunsmuir, left on Tuesday night for New York.

The late Alex. Dunsmuir was 46 years of age at the time of his death. He has for several years had his residence at Oaklands, Cal.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Ship Centennial, chartered to load coal at Nanaimo, arrived at the quarantine station this morning from the Hawaiian port.

—Harry McBride has been summoned for assaulting Thomas McNutt. The case will probably come up in the police court to-morrow morning.

—The inland revenue returns for January are as follows: Spirits, $9,192.11; malt, $1,490.66; manufactured tobacco, $1,558.63; raw leaf tobacco, $348.70; cigars, $744.90; license, $25; other receipts, $55; total, $13,415.

—Nos. 3 and 4 Companies, Fifth Regiment, had a very successful parade last night, this being the first since the reorganization of the corps. There were about thirty men on parade. At the conclusion of the drill coffee and cake was served.

—The funeral took place this afternoon of the late Mrs. Walter Porter to St. John's church, and afterwards to the Ross Bay cemetery. There was a large attendance of friends. The Rev. Percival Jenns conducted the service, being assisted by Rev. Dean Barber. The pallbearers were: A. Green, A. Pratt, A. O. Ragstad, F. Ham, W. Marshall and W. G. H. Ellison.

—A Ross'and dispatch says: John O. McLeod, superintendent of railway mail service for the province, arrived at Northport on Sunday in company with Dr. Charles F. Fagan of Victoria, secretary of the provincial board of health. After a consultation, Dr. Fagan appointed Dr. G. S. Armstrong, physician at the Le Roi smelter, as the representative of the provincial health department at Northport. Under the superintendence of Dr. Armstrong all mail matter coming from Spokane and other infected points will be held over at Northport and disinfected. The mail will then be made up by a special United States mail clerk, who has been dispatched to that point. This will mean a delay of 24 hours for the mail that is to be disinfected. As far as possible mail matter from eastern states and other points outside of the infected district will be sent through without delay in order to avoid possible delay and chance of infection. All mail from Victoria and Vancouver and other British Columbia coast points will now come into the Kootenay country via the Canadian Pacific railway.

Crouching

In every cough there lurks, like a crouching tiger, the probabilities of consumption. The throat and lungs become rough and inflamed from coughing and the germs of consumption find an easy entrance. Take no chances with the dangerous foe.

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SHIPPING NEWS

Happenings of a Day Along the Waterfront.

Steamer Victorious, a big tramp from Japan, and the Chilean bark Antofogasta are loading lumber at the Chemainus mills, and five ships are about due there to load lumber. The mills have been running to their full capacity for some time, and have ever been forced to turn orders away. Through their local agents, Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., the mills have established a vast trade with the Orient, Australia, South Africa, South America, and, in fact, to all parts of the world. The advance of British Columbia's lumber mills is again evidenced by the fact that a big saw mill is to be erected at some northern point of this island by the Victoria Lumber Co. The proposed mill is to be a tenband saw, capable of turning out as much as 400,000 feet of lumber in a day of ten hours. From the time the company acquired the mills at Chemainus the growth of their business has been phenomenal. The work of doubling the capacity of the mills at Chemainus has just been completed, and yet the demand promises to be so great that they have decided to build another mill to accommodate the growing trade. Orders have been received by Mr. E. J. Palmer, general manager at Chemainus, from President Hamberd to prepare plans and select a site for a larger mill at some point on the island coast to the northward. The establishment of the new mill and the growth of the lumber industry on the island coast means much to Victoria. This city is the depot for the supplies of the loggers in the mining camps tributary to the mills and at Chemainus. Then, too, the city supplies provisions and stores to the ships and steamers which come to the mills for lumber, and a large business is done. With the building of the new mills it will not be very long until a new town is given birth to on the Coast, as important as is Chemainus, which will call upon Victoria merchants for supplies.

Three big ships coming from the Orient to the Royal Roads and the Sound have been posted as overdue, and reinsurance is quoted on them at eight per cent. The Silo is 85 days out from Hongkong for this port, the May Flint is 80 days out from the Chinese port for the Sound and the Engelhorn is 55 days from Yokohama for the Sound. The May Flint was formerly the British steamer Persian Monarch. The engines were taken out and she was converted into a sailing vessel some years ago.

A letter received by the owners of the schooner Geneva gives the name of the hunter lost from that vessel. He was W. Sparrow, of Salt Spring Island, where his parents reside. The night was perfectly clear when the unfortunate man fell from the schooner, and the vessel was only making two knots an hour, yet although it was put about and the boats were lowered, no trace could be found of the lost sealer.

Applications are still coming in fast for accommodation and freight space on the steamer Alpha, booked to sail for Cape Nome on April 1st. This morning her agents received a telegram from Seattle asking them to reserve four rooms and accommodation for ten thousand tons of lumber.

Information has been received that an examination having been made of the vicinity where the collier Miami was wrecked by one Her Majesty's vessels, the shoal spot on which the ship stranded is correctly shown on the admiralty chart, and White Rock is also correctly marked.

The Alaska Exploration Co. have bought the old United States transport Jastin for the Cape Nome trade and the North American Commercial Co. are reported to be bidding for the steamer Corwin, which is being disposed of by the United States government.

A special to the Times from Vancouver says the Saga, which has been lying there for a year, has been sold to an American syndicate for Cape Nome trade. The sale is also reported of three C.P.R. steamers, originally built for Stickene river trade.

Work was begun on the new pile wharf being built at Sydney for the mail service to the Islands. As stated some time ago a steamer is now under construction at Port Moody for this service. The wharf is being built by Thos. Trahey.

Steamer Goodwin which was ashore near the mouth of Tacoma harbor, according to a message received this morning by the local agents, was floated this morning, and being uninjured proceeded on her voyage.

Capt. Hamilton, a Puget Sound lumber man, will be a passenger to Japan by the Empress to-morrow. He goes out to charter a ship to carry a cargo of lumber to the Orient.

The wreck of the collier Miami is to be sold on February 13th by public auction by Joshua Davies, as she lies on the reef in Stewart channel, about a thousand feet northwest of White Rock.

Steamer Amur sailed for Skagway last night. Among her passengers were Mr. Ewing, Mr. Johnson and Doctors Woodly and Nicholson.

Steamer Victorian resumed service this morning. She went on the dry dock to hang a new propeller, and have her keel repaired.

Steamer Charmer left Vancouver at 1:15 p.m. She connected with the train.

Steamer Queen is due to-morrow afternoon from San Francisco.

Steamer Willapa will sail for Nass and way ports this evening.

Steamer Queen City will sail to-night for West Coast ports.

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Terry McGovern and Eddie Santry, of Chicago, rival claimants for the title of featherweight champion of the world, will struggle for supremacy in a six round contest in this city to-night.

THE PASSING THRONG.

Arrivals of the Day at City Hotels—A Large Number of Commercial Men Here.

Trevor Corry, business manager of the San Francisco Wave, arrived by the steamer Victorian this morning and is at the Victoria. Mr. Corry comes here to make arrangements for an illustrated article on this city to be published about three weeks or a month hence in the Coast Illustrated weekly. He says three pages will be given over to illustrations reproduced from photos taken here, especially for the Wave, in fact the number in which the article is to appear will be practically a Victoria number. The front page will be filled by a photo-engraving of the Parliament buildings, and the centre pages will be devoted to a large panoramic view of the city to be taken expressly for the publication by Mr. Pillsbury, whose panoramic views of Dawson and Cape Nome have won much praise. An article of some three or four thousand words descriptive of this city will accompany the illustrations. Mr. Corry, together with Mr. Tuhey, who has been here for some days, will endeavor to increase the list of subscribers to the Wave in this city. Mr. Corry says the Wave brought Frank Norris, the well known San Francisco writer, to the front. His novel, "Moran of the Lady Letty," was written for the Wave. It was nearing completion when the young author was given a commission to go to Cuba, and the novel was broken off more abruptly than it would otherwise have been, at least that is the accepted belief in San Francisco.

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Archibald Ingits, a rancher of Plumpers Pass, is at the Victoria. He has just returned from a visit to England, and tells of stirring scenes that are now daily to be seen in the metropolis. Daily, he says, there are great rushes to the war office as each new report is given out. The scenes among the crowd of soldiers' wives and relations when the lists of dead and wounded are posted, he says, are pitiable.

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Chas. Todd, a mining man of no small experience in Colorado and Montana, is at the Dominion. He intends leaving in a day or two for the Kootenay district to look over some of the mining properties. While Mr. Todd has nothing to say himself in this regard, it is said that he represents considerable capital.

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From the number of commercial men to be seen daily in the hotel corridors, it seems that business is picking up. Quite a crowd arrived yesterday, and this morning several more came in. H. Fisher, representing a soap company of Montreal, who is at the Victoria, says that business is undoubtedly picking up. As compared with Vancouver, Victoria shows very favorably.

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Dr. Will C. Bailey, who has been at the Dominion for some days past, left last night en route to San Francisco. He will return in a few days and deliver a series of Theosophical lectures in this city.

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Capt. R. Williams, of the ship Angerona, now at Vancouver, arrived by the Charmer last evening and is at the Victoria.

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W. L. Lord, the well known cannery man, is among those registered at the Victoria.

A PATRIOTIC OFFER.

Mr. George Jeeves Offers to Equip One of the Victoria Contingent at His Own Expense.

The suggestion made by a local gentleman yesterday in a letter to Col. Gregory that citizens should manifest their patriotism by making individual donations to the patriotic fund, has already borne fruit.

This morning, Mayor Hayward, as chairman of the Patriotic Committee, received a letter from Mr. Geo. Jeeves, in which the following offer is made:

Dear Sir,—In reference to the offer of the city of Victoria to furnish fifty mounted men for the B. C. contingent for service in South Africa, I undertake to contribute the amount necessary for the equipment of one man. I understand the cost is about $250 per man.

I am, dear sir, yours respectfully,
GEO. JEEVES.

CURLING.

INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL.

(Associated Press.)

Milwaukee, Feb. 1.—In the international bonspiel, Canada was defeated by the United States last night in the contest known as the Walker international event, by a score of 18 to 14.

During the tornado an express train on the Newfoundland railroad was lifted off the track and deposited in a bog some distance away, only the engine holding to the rails.

BIRTH.

BAYNES-REED—On Feb. 1st, the wife of R. L. Baynes-Reed, of a daughter.

DIED.

PORTER—On Jan. 30th, at the Occidental hotel, Gertrude, the beloved wife of Walter Harris Porter, aged 24 years.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

HODSON—On the 29th instant, at 1417 Eighth avenue, Vancouver, Harold Shaw, second son of William and Sarah Hodson.

M'LEOD—On the 29th inst., at 850 Hornby street, Vancouver, Miss Lizzie McLeod.

CREIGHTON—At the Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, on Jan. 26th, Mrs. D. J. Creighton, of Yale, aged 29.

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Personal.

W. W. Allan, of Vancouver, is at the Victoria.

Thomas O'Brien, of Calgary, is a guest at the Driard.

J. E. Dixon, of San Francisco, is registered at the New England.

A. B. Gray, R. P. Rithet & Co.'s Kootenay representative, is in the city.

Henry McAdie, one of Nanaimo's aldermen, is a guest at the Dominion.

Percy Evans, of Evans, Coleman & Evans, came over on last night's boat.

Dr. J. T. Carroll, L. McLean and P. W. Evans, of Vancouver, are at the Driard.

T. E. Flint and wife, of Grand Forks, are at the Victoria. They are on a honeymoon trip.

Rev. J. C. Speer, pastor of the Metropolitan church, returned last night from the Mainland.

E. E. Welch, manager of the British Cattle Company, returned last evening from Vancouver.

A Vancouver dispatch says J. B. Hobson, manager of the Cariboo hydraulic mine, arrived to-day. He is still suffering from a broken ankle.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—T O'Brien, Capt Williams, Dr Carroll, J H Senkler, T Pascoe, F McDermott, H Stadthagen, Wm Henderson, G H Cottrell, Rev J C Speer, W R Lord, Percy Evans, J W Fisher, H Bornstein, E E Welsh, W G Tanner, Miss Cottrell, Mrs Salisbury, A B Gray.

Per steamer Victorian from the Sound—Mrs Fred Smith, B H Seaborg, J W Goss, Alan S Dumbleton, Mrs M O Beck, L E Flint and wife, P R Daniells, Mrs Mattison, A Magneson and wife, John Frew, W H Doughtry, Mrs H C Hiller, Mr Brewers and wife, Mrs B S Oddy, T H Warlock and wife, J E Dixon, J Simon, Miss West, Miss Cameron, E Yein, T Cory, Capt R Smith, Mrs Mohun, R J Linden, Mrs Tomlisee, J C Good, E Jones, N H Blackburn, J Lichtenstin, J Cutting, C Todd, L T Geary and wife, Capt Noel, Paul La Croix, H Davis, E Grossman, John Holm, W L Blair, R P Russell, J Coakley, W L Hugel, J H Deacon, W L Dally, Wm De Bany, H W Hyland, M E Blakley, G E Brown.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—J W Kinlock, E G Prior, A Sheret, S J Pitts, J Thomson, T N Hibben & Co, Vic R & S Co, Erskine, W & Co, R Clarke, V & B Tel Co, C M Cookson, A & W Wilson, Chas Hayward, Vic L Mfg Co, W G Dickenson, Vic Phoe Brew Co, Dom Exp Co, Weller Bros, Chungranes, Henderson Bros, J Y Griffin & Co, C R King.

Per steamer Victorian from the Sound—Johns Bros, E T Moran, Weller Bros, B A P Co, Chas Hayward, W C Graham, Sinclair & Co, W Warden, Thos Earle, D H Ross & Co, Erskine, W & Co, Fell & Co, H Jackman, G R Jackson, J Piercy & Co, Vic Machy Dept Co, McGregor & Son, Raymond & Son, P McQuade & Son, S Leiser & Co, W S Fraser & Co, Wilson Bros, T Elford, R P Rithet & Co, Thos McNeeley, B K M Co, B C Furn Co, Hy Short & Son, E G Prior & Co, Greenwood, E & R, Wade & McKeon, Mrs E Hart, Sears & G.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—A "Birthday Social" will be held in the Temperance Hall, Pandora street, in aid of the church building fund, on Friday evening, the 2nd inst., at 8 o'clock. Refreshments and a good programme, in which some of the leading talent of the city will take part. Admission according to age. Everybody invited.

Notice of the Sale

—OF THE—

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"MIAMI"

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will on Tuesday, the 13th day of February, 1900, at the hour of 2:30 p.m. of said day, at the place of the wreck, sell by Public Auction for cash, for the benefit of whom it may concern, the screw wheel steamship "Miami," together with her engines, boilers, tackle, apparel and furniture thereon at the time of sale, as she lies upon a submerged rock or reef situate in the waters of British Columbia, at a point about one thousand feet northwest of White Rock, in Stewart Channel.

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AUCTIONEER,
Victoria, B.C.

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The annual general meeting of shareholders of the above will take place on Tuesday, 6th February, at Club House, at 8 p. m.

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NOTICE.

Rock Bay Bridge is closed to traffic during repairs.

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To the Public of Victoria.

In view of the possible introduction of smallpox from the neighboring state of Washington, the provincial government has in contemplation the putting into force of "The Regulations of the Provincial Board of Health re Smallpox."

These "Regulations" give the Local Board of Health power to compel all persons who have not been vaccinated within the last 7 years to be vaccinated.

In the opinion of the Local Board the present circumstances do not indicate the enforcing of "compulsory vaccination," but for the purpose of safeguarding the public health the Board would earnestly advise all persons to whom these "Regulations" would apply to be at once vaccinated. Any one unable to pay will be vaccinated free by any physician in Victoria. A supply of pure fresh bovine vaccine is in the hands of all the physicians in the city.

I have the honor to be, etc.,
R. L. FRASER, M. D.,
Medical Health Officer.